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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
36th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**EVIDENCE**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

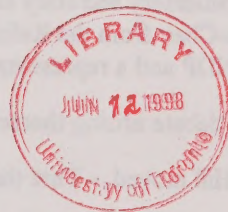
**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, October 7, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chairman





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING  
(Meeting No. 1)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 o'clock a.m. this day, in room 269, West Block for the purpose of organization.

Members of the Committee present: Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Stecké and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Garry Breitzkreuz for Leon E. Benoît.

Other Member present: Peter Adams.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1), the Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of John Harvard, it was agreed, - That Joe McGuire do take the Chair of this Committee as Chairman.

Accordingly, Joe McGuire was duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the Chair.

On motion of Larry McCormick, it was agreed, - That Murray Calder be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Jake E. Hoepfner, it was agreed, - That Jay Hill be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Murray Calder moved, - That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be comprised of nine (9) members, the Chairman, the Vice-Chair from the Government side, the parliamentary secretary and two committee members and from the Opposition side the Vice-Chair from the Reform Party, a representative from the Bloc, a representative from the NDP and a representative from the Conservatives.

And debate arising thereon;

Jay Hill moved, - That the decision be postponed until the next meeting of the Committee.

And the question being put it was negatived on the following division: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 9.

And the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following division: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 5.

On motion of John Harvard, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chairman.



On motion of John Harvard, it was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least 3 members are present.

On motion of John Harvard, it was agreed, - That, at the discretion of the Chairman, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to two (2) representatives per organization.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, - That whenever Order in Council appointments are referred to this committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each Member of the Committee a copy of said appointments.

At 9:40 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee





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**EVIDENCE**

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, October 21, 1997**

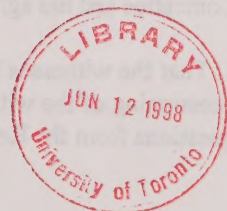
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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**APPEARING:**

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING  
(Meeting No. 2)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:02 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hélène Alarie, Leon E. Benoît, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Wayne Easter.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

APPEARING: The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister; Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation & Grain Policy Directorate.

The Order of Reference dated October 8, 1997, being read as follows:

Ordered, - That Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, be referred forthwith to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

The Minister made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 9:04 o'clock a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:15 o'clock a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chairman presented the FIRST REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which is as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday, October 9, 1997 to consider the future business of the Committee and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for their opening statement and that during questioning of the witnesses in the First Round, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for questions from the Reform Party, the Bloc Quebecois Party, the Liberal Party; then, five



(5) minutes for the New Democratic Party, the Conservative Party and the Liberal Party and thereafter in the Second Round five (5) minutes for questions for each Party in the same order as above, alternating thereafter between Opposition and Government members at the discretion of the Chair.

2. That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute all documents in both official languages simultaneously.

3. a) That the Committee commence consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, on Tuesday, October 21, 1997 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., with the appearance of the Honourable Ralph E. Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister responsible for the Canadian wheat Board.

b) That the Sub-Committee members submit a list of potential witnesses with respect to Bill C-4 to the Clerk of the Committee by October 15, 1997.

On motion of Rick Borotsik , the FIRST REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 10:02 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, October 23, 1997.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee



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**EVIDENCE**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, October 23, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Bill C-4, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**WITNESSES:**

*Prairie Pools Inc.:*

Brian Saunderson, Director;

Marvin Shauf, Vice-Chairman;

Patty Townsend, Manager, Communications and Public Affairs.

*United Grain Growers:*

Ted Allen, President and Chairman;

Blair Rutter, Manager, Policy Development.

*Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:*

Dr. Paul D. Earl, Manitoba Policy Manager;

Larry Maguire, President.







MINUTES OF PROCEEDING  
(Meeting No. 3)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon E. Benoit, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Hec Clouthier for Paul Bonwick, Ovid Jackson for John Harvard, John Richardson for Paul Steckle, Wayne Easter for Denis Coderre and Garry Breitkreuz for Jake Hoeppner.

Other Member present: Raymond Lavigne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Witnesses: From United Grain Growers: Ted Allen, President and Chairman; Blair Rutter, Manager, Policy Development. From the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association: Larry Maguire, President; Paul D. Earl, Manitoba Policy Manager. From Prairie Pools Inc.: Marvin Shauf, Vice-Chairman, and Vice-President of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; Brian Saunderson, Director, and Vice-President of Manitoba Pool Elevators; Patty Townsend, Manager, Communications and Public Affairs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference dated October 8, 1997 relating to Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceeding and Evidence of Meeting No. 2, dated Tuesday, October 21, 1997)

Ted Allen and Blair Rutter from the United Grain Growers made statements and Ted Allen answered questions.

Larry Maguire from the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Marvin Shauf and Brian Saunderson from the Prairie Pools Inc. made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:35 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until Tuesday, October 28, 1997.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee





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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Tuesday, October 28, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Bill C-4, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Canola Growers Association:*

Bruce Dalgarno, President;

Eugene Dextrase, Vice-President.

*Canadian Federation of Independent Business:*

Marilyn Braun, Director, Provincial Affairs, Saskatchewan;

Dan Kelly, Director, Provincial Affairs, Manitoba.

*Flax Growers Western Canada:*

William Farley, Director.

*Keystone Agricultural Producers:*

Leslie Jacobson, President.



*Oat Producers Association of Alberta:*

Leo Meyer, Vice-President.

*Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:*

Ron Gleim, Director;

Sinclair Harrison, President.

*Wild Rose Agricultural Producers:*

Neil Wagstaff, Second Vice-President.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. 4)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:15 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon E. Benoît, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chréten, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Wayne Easter for Paul Bonwick; Charlie Penson for Jake E. Hoepfner.

Other Member present: Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Witnesses: (Roundtable format I) From Keystone Agricultural Producers: Leslie Jacobson, President. From the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities: Sinclair Harrison, President; Ron Gleim, Director. From Wild Rose Agricultural Producers: Neil Wagstaff, 2nd Vice-President. (Roundtable format II) From the Canadian Canola Growers Association: Bruce Dalgarno, President; Eugene Dextrase, Vice-President. From Flax Growers Western Canada: William Farley, Director. From Oat Producers of Alberta: Leo Meyer, Vice-President. From the Canadian Federation of Independent Business: Dan Kelly, Director, Provincial Affairs, Manitoba; Marilyn Braun, Director, Provincial Affairs, Saskatchewan.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceeding and Evidence of Meeting No. 2, dated Tuesday, October 21, 1997)

Leslie Jacobson from Keystone Agricultural Producers made a statement and answered questions.

Sinclair Harrison and Ron Gleim from the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities made statements and answered questions.

Neil Wagstaff from Wild Rose Agricultural Producers made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:40 o'clock a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:50 o'clock a.m., the sitting resumed.

Bruce Dalgarno from the Canadian Canola Growers Association made a statement and



answered questions.

William Farley from the Flax Growers Western Canada made a statement and answered questions.

Leo Meyer from the Oat Producers of Alberta made a statement and answered questions.

Eugene Dextrase from the Canadian Canola Growers Association made a statement and answered questions.

Marilyn Braun and Dan Kelly from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business made statements and answered questions.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, October 29, 1997.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee

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**EVIDENCE**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, October 29, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Bill C-4, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**WITNESSES:**

*Baking Association of Canada:*

✓ Paul Hetherington, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Canadian National Millers Association:*

✓ Gordon Harrison, President.

*Canadian Oilseed Processors Association:*

✓ Robert Broeska, President;

✓ Si Sigal, Policy Advisor.

*Malting Industry Association of Canada:*

✓ Phil de Kemp, President.



*Western Barley Growers Association:*

Doug Robertson, Alberta Vice-President;

Buck Spencer, President.

*Winnipeg Commodity Exchange:*

Bennett Corn, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Keith Lewis, Public Governor on the Board.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING  
(Meeting No. 5)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hélène Alarie, Leon E. Benoit, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Other Member present: Wayne Easter.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Witnesses: (Roundtable format I) From the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association: Robert Broeska, President; Si Sigal, Policy Advisor. From the Baking Association of Canada: Paul Hetherington, President and Chief Executive Officer. From The Canadian National Millers Association: Gordon Harrison, President. From the Malting Industry Association of Canada: Phil de Kemp, President. (Roundtable format II) From Winnipeg Commodity Exchange: Bennett Corn, President and Chief Executive Officer; Keith Lewis, Public Governor on WCE Board of Governors. From the Western Barley Growers Association: Buck Spencer, President; Doug Robertson, Alberta Vice-President..

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceeding and Evidence of Meeting No. 2, dated Tuesday, October 21, 1997)

Robert Broeska from the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association made a statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

Paul Hetherington from the Baking Association of Canada made a statement and answered questions.

Gordon Harrison from the Canadian National Millers Association made a statement and answered questions.

Phil de Kemp from the Malting Industry Association of Canada made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:45 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:50 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

Bennett Corn from the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Buck Spencer and Doug Robertson from the Western Barley Growers Association made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:15 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

And questioning continuing;

At 6:47 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a.m. Thursday October 30, 1997.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee

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Standing Committee  
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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, October 30, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Bill C-4, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee:*

Wilfred Harder, Vice-Chair;

Arthur Macklin, Chair.

*Concerned Farmers Saving the Canadian Wheat Board:*

John Lloyd, Spokesperson, Saskatchewan Group;

Bill Toews, President, Manitoba Group.

*Government of Saskatchewan:*

Eric M.T. Upshall, Minister of Agriculture and Food.







**MINUTES OF PROCEEDING**  
**(Meeting No. 6)**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1997**

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

**Members of the Committee present:** Leon E. Benoit, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

**Acting Member present:** Wayne Easter for Paul Bonwick.

**Other Member present:** John Solomon.

**In attendance:** From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

**Witnesses:** From the Government of Saskatchewan: Honourable Eric M.T. Upshall, Minister of Agriculture and Food. (Roundtable format) From the Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee: Arthur Macklin, Chair; Wilfred Harder, Vice-Chair. From the Concerned Farmers Saving the Canadian Wheat Board: John Lloyd, Spokesperson, Saskatchewan Group; Bill Toews, President, Manitoba Group.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceeding and Evidence of Meeting No. 2, dated Tuesday, October 21, 1997)

The Honourable Eric M.T. Upshall from the Government of Saskatchewan made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:01 o'clock a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:07 o'clock a.m., the sitting resumed.

Arthur Macklin from the Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee made a statement and, with the other witness answered questions.

Bill Toews and John Lloyd from the Concerned Farmers Saving the Canadian Wheat Board made statements and answered questions.

At 11:29 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until Tuesday, November 4, 1997.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee



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**EVIDENCE**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, November 4, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Bill C-4, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Bob Friesen, Second Vice-President;  
Sally Rutherford, Executive Director.

*Canadian Grain Commission:*

Len Seguin, Chief Grain Inspector for Canada;  
Barry Senft, Chief Commissioner.

*Canadian Wheat Board:*

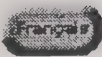
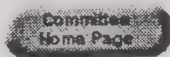
Lorne Hehn, Chief Commissioner;  
Gordon Machej, Commissioner.

*National Farmers Union:*

Darrin Qualman, Executive Secretary;  
Fred Tait, Co-ordinator, NFU Region 5 (Manitoba).







MINUTES OF PROCEEDING  
(Meeting No. 7)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hélène Alarie, Leon E. Benoit, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Garry Breitkreuz for Jay Hill.

Associate Member present: John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Witnesses: From The Canadian Wheat Board: Lorne Hehn, Chief Commissioner; Gordon Machej, Commissioner. From the Canadian Grain Commission: Barry Senft, Chief Commissioner; Len Seguin, Chief Grain Inspector for Canada. From National Farmers Union: Fred Tait, NFU Region 5 (Manitoba) Coordinator; Darrin Qualman, Executive Secretary. From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Sally Rutherford, Executive Director; Bob Friesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

The Committee resume consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceeding and Evidence of Meeting No. 2, dated Tuesday, October 21, 1997)

Lorne Hehn from The Canadian Wheat Board made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Barry Senft from the Canadian Grain Commission made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:15 o'clock a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:22 o'clock a.m., the sitting resumed.

Darrin Qualman from the National Farmers Union made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Bob Friesen from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of John Harvard, seconded by Gerry Byrne, it was agreed, - That the Committee approve a budget of the Committee for the period of October 23, 1997 to March 31, 1998 in the amount of \$52,350.00

Rick Borotsik moved, - That the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board appear before the Committee prior to clause by clause consideration of Bill C-4.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rick Borotsik Jake E. Hoeppner Larry McCormick

- (3);

NAYS:

Paul Bonwick John Harvard Gerry Byrne Rose-Marie Ur Murray Calder

- (5).

At 12:48 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 1997.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee



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**EVIDENCE**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Wednesday, November 5, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Bill C-4, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**APPEARING:**

Gerry Byrne, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board

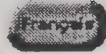
**WITNESS:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. 8)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1997)

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hélène Alarie, Leon E. Benoit, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Wayne Easter for Denis Coderre; Garry Breitkreuz for Jay Hill.

In attendance: From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Charles Bellemare, Legislative Clerk. From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Appearing: Gerry Byrne, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Witness: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation & Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch.

The Committee resume consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceeding and Evidence of Meeting No. 2, dated Tuesday, October 21, 1997)

The Chairman called Clause 1.

After debate, the question being put on Clause 1, it was carried.

On Clause 2

After debate, the question being put on Clause 2, it was carried on the following recorded division:

## YEAS

Hélène Alarie Jean-Guy Chrétien Dick Proctor  
Paul Bonwick Wayne Easter Paul Steckle  
Gerry Byrne John Harvard Rose-Marie Ur  
Murray Calder Larry McCormick  
- (11)

## NAYS

Leon Benoit Garry Breitkreuz Jake E. Hoepfner  
Rick Borotsik

- (4)

On Clause 3

Dick Proctor moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by replacing line 6 on page 3 with the following:

"including a chairperson."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 8.

Jean-Guy Chrétien moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by replacing lines 7 to 9, on page 3, with the following:

"3.02(1) Two directors are appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister. Twelve directors are elected in"

And debate arising thereon;

Garry Breitkreuz moved, - That the Committee do adjourn.

And the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following division: YEAS, 8; NAYS: 6.

During the course of the meeting, the witness answered questions.

At 4:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a.m. Thursday, November 6, 1997.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee



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**EVIDENCE**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Thursday, November 6, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Bill C-4, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Wheat Board:*

Gerry Byrne, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

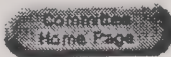
Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch.

*Department of Justice:*

David Byer, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. 9)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 o'clock a.m. , this day, in room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon E. Benoit, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chretien, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Wayne Easter for Denis Coderre; Garry Breitkreuz for Jay Hill.

In attendance: From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Charles Bellemare, Legislative Clerk. From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Appearing: Gerry Byrne, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation & Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch. From the Department of Justice: David Byer, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee resume consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceeding and Evidence of Meeting No. 2, dated Tuesday, October 21, 1997)

Jake E. Hoeppner moved, - That the Committee do not consider Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, until such time as the Solicitor General of Canada deals with his request for criminal investigation to the documentation that was presented to the court.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following division:  
YEAS: 2; NAYS: 10.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Jean-Guy Chretien, which is as follows:

That Clause 3 be amended by replacing lines 7 to 9, on page 3 with the following:

"3.02(1) Two directors are appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister. Twelve directors are elected in"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:  
YEAS: 4; NAYS: 9.

By unanimous consent, Gerry Byrne, - That Bill C-4 be amended by:

(a) replacing, in the French version, line 7 on page 3, with the following:

"le président directeur général."

(b) replacing, in the French version, line 13 on page 3, with the following:

"d'application. Le président directeur général est nommé par le"

(c) replacing, in the French version, line 18 on page 3, with the following:

"président directeur général - occupent leurs fonction pour"

(d) replacing, in the French version, line 23 on page 3, with the following:

"tion du président directeur général - exercent leurs fonctions"

(e) replacing, in the French version, line 31 on page 3, with the following:

"président directeur général - sont indemnisés des frais de"

(f) replacing, in the French version, line 25 on page 4, with the following:

"professionnel du président directeur général;"

(g) replacing, in the French version, line 28 on page 4, with the following:

"tion du président directeur général;"

(h) replacing, in the French version, the heading after line 24 on page 5, with the following:

Président directeur général

(i) replacing, in the French version, line 25 on page 5, with the following:

"3.09 Le président directeur général exerce ses fonctions à"

(j) replacing, in the French version, line 28 on page 5, with the following:

"3.1 Le président directeur général reçoit la rémunération"

(k) replacing, in the French version, line 34 on page 5, with the following:

"3.11(1) Le président directeur général est le premier diri-"

(1) replacing, in the French version, line 4 on page 6, with the following:

"président directeur général ou de vacance de son poste, le"

Murray Calder moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by replacing line 9, on page 3, with the following:

"of the Minister. Ten directors are elected by producers in"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

Dick Proctor moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by replacing line 9, on page 3, with the following:

"of the Minister. Eleven directors are elected in"

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

Dick Proctor moved, - that Clause 3 be amended by replacing lines 12 to 14, on page 3, with the following:

"board of directors."

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division: YEAS; 1 nays: 8.

Murray Calder moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by replacing line 17, on page 3, with the following:

"four years, up to a maximum of three terms."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following division: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 4.

Rick Borotsik moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by adding after line 33, on page 4, the following:

"3.06 the board shall make by-laws containing conflict of interest guidelines governing the conduct of the directors in relation to producers."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division: YEAS, 1; NAYS: 9.

Murray Calder moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by:

(a) replacing line 36, on page 6, with the following:

"3.13(1) The Corporation may indemnify a"

(b) adding the following after line 12, on page 7:

"(2) Despite anything in this section, a person referred to in subsection (1) is entitled to indemnity from the Corporation in respect of all costs, charges and expenses reasonably incurred by that person in connection with the defence of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which the person is made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer of the Corporation, if the person

(a) was substantially successful on the merits in their defence of the action or proceeding; and

(b) fulfills the conditions set out in paragraphs (1) (a) and (b).

(3) The Corporation or a person referred to in subsection (1) may apply to a court for an order approving an indemnity under this section and the court may so order and make any further order it thinks fit."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.



## NAYS

Leon Benoit Garry Breitzkreuz Dick Proctor

Rick Borotsik

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Rose-Marie Ur moved, - That Clause 26 be amended by adding after line 15, on page 19 the following:

"(2.1) Notice of the request referred to in paragraph (2) (a) shall be published in the Canada Gazette and in a periodical that, in the opinion of the Minister, has a large circulation in the designated area. The notice must invite interested persons to make representations with respect to the request in writing to the Minister within sixty days after publication of the notice."

After debate, Rick Borotsik moved an amendment to the amendment, - That "sixty days" be replaced by "one hundred and twenty days".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment to the amendment, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Garry Breitzkreuz moved an amendment to the amendment, - That in the second sentence delete the word "a" and add the word "s" after the word "periodical" and replace the word "has" by "have".

After debate, by unanimous consent, Garry Breitzkreuz withdrew his amendment to the amendment.

Murray Calder moved an amendment to the amendment - That in the second sentence add the words "or periodical" after the word "periodical" and the words "or have" after the word "has"

The question being put on the amendment to the amendment it was agreed to.

And the question being put on Clause 26, as amended, it was carried on division.

Clauses 27 to 30 inclusive carried on division.

## New Clause 30.1

Rick Borotsik moved, - That a new Clause be added before line 1 and the heading "Agricultural Marketing Program Act" on page 21, the following:

## "Access to Information Act

30. a Schedule I to the Access to Information Act is amended by adding the following in alphabetical order under the heading "Other Government Institutions":

## Canadian Wheat Board

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:

YEAS: 1; NAYS: 6

Clauses 31 to 36 inclusive carried.

The Title carried on division.



The question being put:

Shall the Bill carry?

It was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Paul Bonwick Wayne Easter Paul Steckle  
Gerry Byrne John Harvard Rose-Marie Ur  
Murray Calder Larry McCormick

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NAYS

Leon Benoit Garry Breitzkreuz Dick Proctor  
Rick Borotsik

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It was agreed, on division - That the Chairman report Bill C-4, as amended, to the House.

It was agreed, on division, - That the Committee order a reprint of Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts for use at Report stage.

During the course of the meeting the Parliamentary Secretary and the witnesses answered questions.

At 11:15 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

Murray Calder moved, - That Clause 3 be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 38, on page 6 with the following:

"Corporation or a person who acts or acted as a director or officer at"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on Clause 3, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Paul Bonwick Wayne Easter Dick Proctor  
Gerry Byrne John Harvard Paul Steckle  
Murray Calder Larry McCormick Rose-Marie Ur  
- (9)

NAYS

Leon Benoit Rick Borotsik Jean-Guy Chrétien  
- (3)

On Clause 4

Jean-Guy Chrétien move, - that Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 25, on page 7, the following:

" (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Board shall provide the Minister of Finance with the financial statements of the Board in order that they may be submitted to the Auditor General for examination in accordance with the *Auditor General Act*."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Leon Benoit Garry Breitzkreuz Dick Proctor  
Rick Borotsik Jean-Guy Chrétien  
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NAYS

Paul Bonwick Wayne Easter Paul Steckle  
Gerry Byrne John Harvard Rose-Marie Ur  
Murray Calder Larry McCormick  
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And the question being put on Clause 4, it was carried on division.

Clauses 5 to 9 inclusive carried.

And the question being put on Clause 10, it was carried on division.

Clauses 11 to 17 inclusive carried on division.

And the question being put on Clause 18, it was carried on division.

Clauses 19 to 21 inclusive carried on division.

Clauses 22 to 25 inclusive carried on division.

On Clause 26

Rose-Marie Ur moved, - That Clause 26 be amended by replacing lines 35 and 36, on page 18 with the following:

"26. Section 47 of the Act and the headings before it are replaced by the following:

47. (1) The Governor in Council may, by regulation, extend the application of Part III or of Part IV or of both Parts III and IV to barley.

(2) Where the Governor in Council has extended the application of any Part under subsection (1), the provisions of that Part shall be deemed to be re-enacted in this Part, subject to the following:

(a) the word "barley" shall be substituted for the word "wheat";

(b) the Expression "barley products" shall be substituted for the expression "wheat products"; and

(c) subsection 40 (2) is not applicable.

(3) An extension of the application of Part III shall come into force only at the beginning of a crop year.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "product", in relation to barley, means any substance produced by processing or manufacturing barley, alone or together with any other material or substance, designated by the Governor in Council by regulation as a product of barley for the purposes of this Part."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS: 12; NAYS: Nil.

Rose-Marie Ur moved, - That Clause 26 be amended by replacing lines 7 and 8, on page 19 with the following:

"by an association all of the members, of which are producers of the grain and that represents the producers of that grain throughout the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Paul Bonwick Jean-Guy Chrétien Larry McCormick

Gerry Byrne Wayne Easter Paul Steckle

Murray Calder John Harvard Rose-Marie Ur

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Standing Committee  
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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 10**

**Thursday, November 20, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to an Information Session on the subject matter of the Importation of Butteroil and Sugar Blends

**WITNESSES:**

*Dairy Farmers of Canada:*

Barron Blois, President;

John Core, First Vice-President;

Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

*Department of Finance:*

Darwin Satherstrom, Chief, International Trade Policy Division.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Jean Saint-Jacques, Director, Trade Controls Policy Division.



*Department of National Revenue:*

Phil McLester, Interim Director, Nomenclature and Tariff Treatment Policy Division.

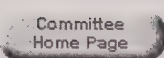
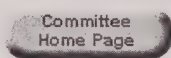
*International Dairy Ingredients Inc.:*

Donald Kubesh, Acting and Partner, Stikeman-Elliott.

*Unilever Canada Limited:*

Don Jarvis, Trade Consultant.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. (10))

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon E. Benoit, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Charlie Penson for Jake E. Hoeppner; André Bachand for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Witnesses: (Roundtable format) From the Department of National Revenue: Phil McLester, Interim director, Nomenclature and Tariff Treatment Policy Division. From the Department of Finance: Darwin Satherstrom, Chief, International Trade Policy Division. From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Jean Saint-Jacques, Director, Trade Controls Policy Division. From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. From the Dairy Farmers of Canada: Barron Blois, President; John Core, First Vice-President; Richard Doyle, Executive Director. From Unilever Canada Limited: Don Jarvis, Trade Consultant. From the International Dairy Ingredients Inc.: Donald Kubesh, Representative, and Partner at Stikeman-Elliott.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to an Information Session on the subject matter of the Importation of Butteroil and Sugar Blends.

Phil McLester from the Department of National Revenue made a statement and answered questions.

Darwin Satherstrom from the Department of Finance made a statement and answered questions.

Jean Saint-Jacques from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade made a statement and answered questions.

Mike Gifford from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food made a statement and answered questions.

Barron Blois and John Core from the Dairy Farmers of Canada made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Don Jarvis from Unilever Canada Limited made a statement and answered questions.

Donald Kubesh from the International Dairy Ingredients Inc. made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:25 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Thursday, November 27, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to its review of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Ron Doering, Executive Vice-President;

André Gravel, Acting Vice-President of Programs;

Art Olson, President.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No.11)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon E. Benoit, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Gerald Keddy for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Art Olson, President; Ron Doering, Executive Vice-President; André Gravel, Interim Vice-President, Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to its review of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Art Olson made a statement which was elaborated upon by Ron Doering.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 10:50 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until Tuesday, December 2, 1997 at 9:00 a.m.

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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 12**

**Tuesday, December 2, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of its future business relating to international trade

**WITNESS:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. 12)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hélène Alarie, Leon E. Benoit, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoepfner, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Witness: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of its future business relating to International Trade.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:37 o'clock a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

At 11:03 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, December 4, 1997 at 9:00 a.m.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 13**

**Thursday, December 4, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to Biotechnology in Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Jack Wilkinson, President.

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

André Gravel, Interim Vice-President, Programs;

Margaret Kenny, Associate Director, Biotechnology Strategy Co-ordination Office.

*Canola Council of Canada:*

Tony Zatylny, Vice-President, Crop Production.

*Industrial Biotechnology Association of Canada:*

Joyce Groote, President.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. 13)

(THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997)

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon E. Benoit, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Dick Proctor.

Acting Members present: Pauline Picard for Hélène Alarie; Greg Thompson for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Witnesses: From the Industrial Biotechnology Association of Canada (IBAC): Joyce Groote, President. From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Jack Wilkinson, President. From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: André Gravel, Interim Vice-President of Programs; Margaret Kenny, Associate Director, Biotechnology Strategy Co-ordination Office. From the Canadian Council of Canola Growers: Tony Zatylny, Vice-President, Crop Production.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a study relating to Biotechnology in Agriculture and Agri-Food

Joyce Groote from the Industrial Biotechnology Association of Canada made an audiovisual presentation and answered questions.

Jack Wilkinson from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture made a statement and answered questions.

Margaret Kenny from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency made a statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

Tony Zatylny from the Canadian Council of Canola Growers made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:55 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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**Meeting No. 14**

**Tuesday, December 9, 1997**

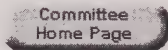
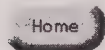
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDING  
(Meeting No. 14)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in camera at 9:07 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon E. Benoit, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoeppner, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

In accordance with Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

At 10:48 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until 12:30 o'clock p.m. this day.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 15**

**Tuesday, December 9, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to review the Programs, Policies, Expenditures and Administration of the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

**APPEARING:**

The Honourable Lyle Vancilief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Dennis Kam, Director General, Finance and Resource Management, Corporate Services  
Branch;

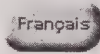
Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Art Olson, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING  
(Meeting No. 15)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1997

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:45 o'clock p.m., in a televised session, this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hélène Alarie, Gerry Byrne, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Paul Steckle.

Acting Member present: Garry Breitkreuz for Leon E. Benoit.

Other Member present: Ovid Jackson.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Appearing: The Honourable Lyle Vancilief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Dennis Kam, Director General, Finance and Resource Management, Corporate Services Branch; Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Art Olson, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to review the Programs, Policies, Expenditures and Administration of the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:05 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 16**

**Tuesday, February 3, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the ice storm and its aftermath

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Doug Hedley, Director General, Industry Performance and Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch;

Bob Ray, Vice-President, Public and Regulatory Affairs, Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

*Emergency Preparedness Canada:*

André Tremblay, Director General, Readiness and Operations.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 16 )

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:03 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chréten, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick , Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Odina Desrochers for Hélène Alarie.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* June Dewetering, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the ice storm and its aftermath.

*Witnesses: From the Emergency Preparedness Canada:* André Tremblay, Director General, Rediness and Operations. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Doug Hedley, Director General, Industry Performance and Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch; Bob Ray, Vice-President, Public and Regulatory Affairs, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Yvon Bertrand, Director General, Quebec Region, Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

André Tremblay, Andrew Graham, Doug Hedley and Bob Ray made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee





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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 17**

**Thursday, February 5, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the World Trade Organization's challenge against the European Union Hormone Ban

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Blair Coomber, Associate Director, Policy and International Affairs;

Raymond Trotman, Meat and Poultry Products Division.

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Michele Brenning, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Eastern Hemisphere Division;

Charles Craddock, Director, Eastern Hemisphere Division.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

John Klassen, Director General, General Trade Policy Bureau;

James Stringham, Counsel, Trade Law Division;



*Department of Health:*

Peter Pauker, Manager, International Liaison and Science Policy;

Dr Man Sen Yong, Chief Human Safety Division, Bureau of Veterinary Drugs, Health  
Protection Branch.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 17 )

Thursday, February 5, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Leon Benoit, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chréten, Denis Coderre, Jay Hill, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick , Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the World Trade Organization's challenge against the European Union Hormone Ban.

*Witnesses:* John Klassen, Director General, General Trade Policy Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Charles Craddock, Director, Eastern Hemisphere Division, Agri-Food Canada; James Stringham, Counsel, Trade Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Peter Pauker, Manager, International Liaison and Science Policy, Health Canada, Blair Coomber, Associate Director, Policy and International Affairs, Canadian Food Inspection Agency; Michele Brenning, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Eastern Hemisphere Division, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Ray Trottman, Meat and Poultry Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agency. M.S. Yong, Chief, Human Safety Division, Bureau of Veterinary Drugs, Health Protection Bureau, Health Canada.

John Klassen made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Tuesday, February 10, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to review the Programs, Policies and Administration of the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food, in relation to Canada-United States Trade Relations

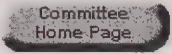
**WITNESS:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Mike N. Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 18 )

Tuesday, February 10, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chréten, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to review the Programs, Policies and Administration of the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food, in relation to Canada-United States Trade Relations.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Mike N. Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch and Terry Norman, Acting Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

By unanimous consent, Jay Hill give notice of a motion, to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee, which reads as follows:

"I move that the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food resolve to strike a joint sub-committee with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade to investigate, detail and analyze subsidization at the federal, state and local levels available to dairy producers in the United States and what farm policies in the U.S., if any, may be preventing dairy exports from Canada. This study will be undertaken in order that the Canadian dairy industry can be better prepared for the 1999 WTO trade negotiations".

Mike Gifford made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 10:31 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Thursday, February 12, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to review the programs, policies and administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, in relation with the legislative renewal on food safety.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Tom Beaver, Chair, Task Force on Legislation;

Peter Brackenridge, Director General, Federal/Provincial Relations and Corporate Planning.







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(Meeting No. 19 )

Thursday, February 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:11 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Paul Steckle.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to review the Programs, Policies and Administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, in relation with the Legislative Renewal on Food Safety.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Peter Brackenridge, Director General, Federal/Provincial Relations and Corporate Planning; Tom Beaver, Chair, Task Force on Legislation and Mark McCombs, Director, Legal Services.

It was agreed, That the motion standing in the name of Jay Hill be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

Peter Brackenridge and Tom Beaver made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:36 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 20**

**Tuesday, February 17, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the United States' Challenge on Dairy Export Pricing Policy.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Mike Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

John McNab, Director, Trade Remedies Division.





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(Meeting No. 20 )

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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:10 a.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Leon Benoît, Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the United States' Challenge on Dairy Export Pricing Policy.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Mike Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Paul Martin, Acting Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* John McNab, Director, Trade Remedies Division and Ian McLeod, Trade Law Division.

It was agreed, That the motion standing in the name of Jay Hill be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

Mike Gifford and John McNab made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Thursday, February 19, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment and its Impact on Agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Bob Friesen, First Vice-President;

Jennifer Higginson, Policy Analyst;

Sally Rutherford, Executive Director.

*National Farmer Union:*

Darrin Qualman, Executive Secretary.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
(Meeting No. 21 )

Thursday, February 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Leon Benoit, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Ian Murray for Paul Bonwick; Charlie Penson for Jake Hoepfner; Benoît Sauvageau for Odina Desrochers and Chris Axworthy for Dick Proctor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment and its Impact on Agriculture.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Bob Friesen, First Vice-President; Sally Rutherford, Executive Director and Jennifer Higginson, Policy Analyst. *From the National Farmers Union:* Darrin Qualman, Executive Secretary.

Darrin Qualman, Bob Friesen made opening statements and, with Sally Rutherford, Jennifer Higginson, answered questions.

Charlie Penson moved -- That, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food resolve to strike a joint sub-committee with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade to investigate, detail and analyze subsidization at the federal, state and local levels available to dairy producers in the United States and what farm policies in the U.S., if any, may be preventing dairy exports from Canada. This study will be undertaken in order that the Canadian dairy industry can be better prepared for the 1999 WTO trade negotiations.

After debate, by unanimous consent, Leon Benoit moved an amendment thereto: -- That the motion be amended by deleting the words: "be preventing", and replacing them by the

following: "limit fair and open access to".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, and it was negatived on the following division:

Leon Benoit

Charlie Penson

Chris Axworthy

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Murray Calder

Denis Coderre

John Harvard

Larry McCormick

Paul Steckle

Rose-Marie Ur

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At 11:17 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 22**

**Tuesday, February 24, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade for the purpose of receiving a visiting delegation of the World Bank

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Mike Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Paul Martin, Acting Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division, Market and Industry Services Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

John Gero, Director General, Trade Policy Bureau.





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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Thursday, February 26, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to review the Programs, Policies and Strategy on Agri-Food Research and Technology Transfer of the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Research Council for the years 1997 to 2002

**WITNESSES:**

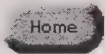
*Canadian Agri-Food Research Council:*

Norris Hoag, Director;

R.J. (Dick) Huggard, Chairperson.







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(Meeting No. 23 )

Thursday, February 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:09 a.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to review the Programs, Policies and Strategy on Agri-Food Research and Technology Transfer of the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Research Council for the years 1997 to 2002.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Research Council:* R.J. Dick Huggard, Chairperson; Norris Hoag, Director and Chair, Standing Committee on Strategic Planning and Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture; Linda M. Poste-Flynn, Executive Director.

Dick Huggard and Norris Hoag made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 24**

**Wednesday, March 11, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded with the information session by the Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership (CALL).

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership:*

Linda Braun;

Vic Bruce;

Wendy Bulloch;

Sheldon Cooper;

Vernon Crawford;

Pauline Duivenvoorden;

Wendy Durand;

Niels Holbek;

Alanna Koch;





Scott McLean;

Elsbeth McLean-Wile;

Lee Pengilly;

Robert Ross;

Marvin Shauf;

Conrad Toner;

Steve Twynstra;

Patrick Van Haren;

Peter Volk.

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(Meeting No. 24 )

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 3:35 p.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Leon Benoit, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoepfner, Joe McGuire and Dick Proctor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded with the information session by the Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership (CALL).

*Witnesses: From the University of Saskatchewan – Extension Division:* Scott McLean, CALL Program Manager and Members of the Program.

Murray Calder, Leon Benoit, Dick Proctor and Rick Borotsik made opening statements and, with John Harvard, answered questions from Members of the Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Program.

At 17:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 25**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded with an information session with the Managers of the Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Program (CALL).

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Farm Business Management Council:*

Terry Murray, Chairman.

*University of Saskatchewan Extension Division:*

Vic Bruce, Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Student;

Wendy Bullouch, Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Student;

Grant Fotheringham, Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Student;

Scott McLean, Manager, Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Program;

Sharon Moulder, Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Student.



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Thursday, March 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:12 a.m, this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Rick Casson for Leon Benoit and Myron Thompson for Jay Hill.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded with an information session with the Managers of the Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Program (CALL).

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Farm Business Management Council:* Terry Murray, CALL President. *From the University of Saskatchewan – Extension Division:* Scott McLean, CALL Program Manager and Members of the Program.

Terry Murray and Scott McLean made opening statements and, with some Members of the Program, answered questions from Members of the Committee.

At 10:07 a.m., the Committee proceeded to meet *in camera*, to consider its future business.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 26**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to examine the mandate, management and operation of the Canadian Dairy Commission

**WITNESS:**

*Canadian Dairy Commission:*

Guy Jacob, President.





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Tuesday, March 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:09 a.m, this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, Jean-Guy Chrétien, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* John McKay for Denis Coderre.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine the mandate, management and operation of the Canadian Dairy Commission.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Dairy Commission:* Guy Jacob, Chairman.

Guy Jacob made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 27)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Gerry Byrne, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Hélène Alarie for Jean-Guy Chrétien. Paul Crête for Odina Desrochers.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Inspection Agency:* André Gravel, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Brian Evans, Director, Animal Health; Yvon Bertrand, Director General, Quebec Region; Gilles Rivard, Veterinary Coordinator, Exotic Indigenous Disease. From the "*Fédération des producteurs d'agneaux et de moutons du Québec*": Desneiges Pépin, President and John Speed, First Vice-President. *As Individuals:* Georges Parent, Sheep Farmer; Giovanni Lebel, Sheep Farmer, Jacquelin Moffet, President, «Association des éleveurs de moutons de race pure» and Régent Raymond, Sheep Farmer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine the Mad Cow Equivalent in Sheep (SCRAPIE) in Quebec.

The Chair presented the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday, March 12, 1998, to consider the future business of the Committee and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. On motion of Denis Coderre, seconded by Jean-Guy Chrétien, It was agreed, -- That the Committee seeks the appropriate authorizations and budget in order to travel to Saskatoon and Guelph to visit biotechnology facilities from April 5 to 7, 1998.

2. By unanimous consent, It was agreed, -- That the Committee will hold an *in camera* meeting on the subject of the equivalent of the Mad Cow Disease (SCRAPIE), in sheeps in Quebec, on Thursday, March 19, 1998, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

On motion of Denis Coderre, seconded by Hélène Alarie, the Second Report the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

On motion of Denis-Coderre, seconded by Hélène Alarie, the Budget relating to the proposed visits of biotechnology installations in Saskatoon and Guelph, totaling \$48,559.00, from April 5 to 7, 1998, was agreed to.

On motion of Denis Coderre, seconded by Hélène Alarie, it was agreed, -- That the Chair seeks the approval of the House, for the following motion: -- That 16 members of the Committee and 2 staff members of the Standing

Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be authorized to travel to Saskatoon and Guelph from April 5 to 7, 1998, in order to visit Biotechnology Research Facilities.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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(Meeting No. 28)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met *in camera* at 9:11 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Garry Breitkreuz for Leon Benoit.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Anne MacKenzie, Director General, Food Inspection; Glenn Hanse, Director, Plan Products Division; Linda Morrison, Associate Director, Plan Products Division; Sergio Tulusso, Feed Evaluation Officer, Plant Products Division. *From Health Canada:* Donald Landry, Chief, Pharmaceutical Assessment Division, Bureau of Veterinary Drugs, Food Directorate, Health Protection Branch.

members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be authorized to travel to Saskatoon and Guelph from April 5 to 7, 1998, in order to visit Biotechnology Research Facilities.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded with an information session on the Proposed Medicated Feed Manufacturing Regulations.

Anne MacKenzie and Linda Morrison made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, -- That exceptionally, copies of the blues of this meeting be provided to Members of the Committee, in order to prepare for the upcoming meeting with the Canadian Feed Industry Association.

At 11:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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(Meeting No. 29)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:12 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Leon Benoit, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Lorne Nystrom for Dick Proctor.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Sally Rutherford, Executive Director; Kenneth Edie, Vice-President, Manitoba Pool Elevators. *From the Canadian Horticultural Council:* Ron Cameron, Chairman, Crop Protection Committee; Danny Dempster, Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded with an information session on Pesticides Regulations.

Kenneth Edie and Danny Dempster made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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(Meeting No. 30)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:09 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Joe McGuire and Paul Steckle.

*Acting Members present:* John Bryden for Murray Calder and Howard Hilstrom for Leon Benoit.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Feed Industry Association:* Robert J. Flack, Masterfeeds; Ken MacKenzie, Ritchie Smith Feeds Inc.; Charles Lapointe, Ralston Purina Canada Inc.; Bruce Quinn, Pharmacia & Upjohn Animal Health and Christine Mercier, General Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded with a Briefing Session on the Proposed Medicated Feed Manufacturing Regulations.

Robert J. Flack made an opening statement, and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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(Meeting No. 31)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:09 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Rector, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Daniel Shaw and Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator.

*Appearing:* John Harvard, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Grain Commission:* Barry Senft, Chief Commissioner; Marilyn Kapitany, Director, Corporate Services; Valerie Gilroy, Barrister & Solicitor; Regis Gosselin, Acting Manager, Corporate Information Services. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Reg Gatenby, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.

The Order of Reference dated March 27, 1998, being read as follows:

Ordered: That Bill C-26, An act to Amend the Canada Grain Act and the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administration Monetary Penalties Act and to Repeal the Grain Futures Act be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

The Committee proceeded with the Study of Bill C-26.

John Harvard, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Barry Senft, made opening statements, and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

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(Meeting No. 32)

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 8:10 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Gerry Byrne, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member of the Committee present:* Garry Breitkreuz for Leon E. Benoit.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Manitoba Pulse Growers Association Inc.:* Don Kuhl, Past President. *From the Saskatchewan Farmer Consultations for SCRIP:* Bill Copland, Provincial Chair. *From the Western Canadian Marketers and Processors Association:* Greg Simpson. *From the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:* Keith Lewis, Director, Saskatchewan. *From the Alberta Pulse Growers Commission:* Thomas Jackson, Commissioner. *From the Saskatchewan Canola Growers:* Rob R. McGregor, Director. *From the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers:* Garry Meir, Chair. *From the Western Barley Growers' Association:* Bill Cooper, Member and Leo Meyer, Vice-President.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-26, An Act to Amend the Canada Grain Act and the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administration Monetary Penalties Act and to Repeal the Grain Futures Act be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, April 2, 1998, Meeting No. 31*).

Don Kuhl, Bill Copland, Greg Simpson and Keith Lewis made opening statements and answered questions.

At 9:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:39 a.m, the sitting resumed.

Thomas Jackson, Rob R. McGregor, Garry Meier and Leo Meyer made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 33**

**Wednesday, April 22, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of Bill C-26, An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act and the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administration Monetary Penalties Act and to repeal the Grain Futures Act

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Grain Commission:*

Valerie Gilroy, Barrister and Solicitor;

Marilyn Kapitany, Director, Corporate Services.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 33)

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 3:41 p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members of the Committee present:* Ovid Jackson for Paul Bonwick; Charles Hubbard for Gerry Byrne; Gurbax Malhi for Murray Calder; Hec Clouthier for Paul Steckle and René Canuel for Hélène Alarie.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator, Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher and Frédéric Forge, Researcher. *From the Committees and Legislative Services:* Marc Toupin and Paulette Nadeau, Legislative Clerks.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Grain Commission:* Pat Funk, Executive Assistant; Marilyn Kapitany, Director, Corporate Services; Valerie Gilroy, Barrister & Solicitor and Régis Gosselin, Assistant Manager. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Reg Gatenby, Chief, Regulatory Affairs Division.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-26, An Act to Amend the Canada Grain Act and the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administration Monetary Penalties Act and to Repeal the Grain Futures Act (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, April 2, 1998, Meeting No. 31*).

On motion of John Harvard, seconded by Dick Proctor, it was agreed, -- That, the Committee approve a budget for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998 to June 30, 1998, in the amount of \$62,443.50 to cover witnesses expenses on the study of Bill C-26, the Canada Grain Act, and on the Biotech Study.

The Chairman called Clause 1.

John Harvard moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 2 with the following:

"Act or the regulations or any order that may be proceed-"

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

Clause 2, carried.

Clause 3, carried.

Clause 4, carried.

On Clause 5

Jay Hill moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 5, be amended, in the English version only,

(a) by replacing lines 2 to 5 on page 4 with the following:

"receive special crops, the insurance plan described in section 49.01 is in effect and the applicant has not been approved by the insurer of that plan; or"

(b) by replacing lines 27 to 29 on page 4 with the following:

"crops, the insurance plan described in section 49.01 is in effect and the applicant has not been approved by the insurer of that plan."

(c) by replacing lines 31 to 33 on page 4 with the following:

"a special crops dealer's licence if the insurance plan described in 49.01 is in effect and the applicant has not been approved by the insurer of that plan."

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Clause 5, as amended, carried.

Clause 6, carried.

On Clause 7

Jay Hill moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 6 the following:

"(2.1) Subject to subsection (2.2), a producer of special crops may participate in an insurance plan established under subsection (2) but shall not be required to do so.

(2.2) A producer may participate in an insurance plan referred to in subsection (2.1) only where the

producer has notified the agent, in writing, within the prescribed time, of the producer's intention to do so."

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following division:

**YEAS:** Jay Hill **NAYS:** Ovid Jackson

Jake Hoepfner Denis Coderre

Rick Borotsik (3) Rose-Marie Ur

Charles Hubbard

John Harvard

René Canuel

Gurbax Malhi

Larry McCormick

Dick Proctor (9)

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That the vote just taken be applied to the following four other consequential motions, which were also negatived.

On Clause 7

Jay Hill was deemed to have moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 10 and 11 on page 7 with the following:

" (8) A producer of special crops may withdraw from the insur-

and On Clause 24

Jay Hill was deemed to have moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 24, be amended

(a) by replacing line 14 on page 15 with the following:

"information, and"

(b) by deleting lines 15 to 18 on page 15.

Jay Hill was deemed to have moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 15 to 18 on page 15 with the following:

" (vi) subject to subsection 49.01(2.2), specifying the terms and conditions for participation in, and prescribing the manner in which a producer may withdraw from the insurance plan, and "

Jay Hill was deemed to have moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 24, be amended

(a) by replacing line 18 on page 15 with the following:

" cial crops,"

(b) by replacing line 21 on page 15 with the following:

"insurance plan, and

(viii) prescribing the time within which a producer of special crops shall notify the agent of the producer's intention to participate in the insurance plan."

On Clause 7

Jay Hill moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 14 on page 6 with the following:

" (3) A producer of special crops who delivers or causes to be delivered such a crop to a licensee when an insurance plan described in subsection (2) is in effect shall pay to the licensee in the prescribed manner the prescribed levy."

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Rose-Marie Ur moved, -- That Bill C-26, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 7 with the following:

"ance plan described in this session. The agent must reimburse the producer for the amount of any levy the producer paid under subsection (3) for the period after the producer's withdrawal from the plan."

After debate, the question being put on the motion , it was agreed to.

Denis Coderre moved, --That Bill C-26, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 24 and 25 on page 7 with the following:

"producteurs de cultures spéciales qui ne sont pas négociants en ces cultures ou en"

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, carried.

Clauses 8 to 23 inclusive carried.

On Clause 24

John Harvard moved, -- That Bill C-26, in clause 24, be amended by replacing line 35 on page 14 with the following:

"(a.1) designating any grain, except wheat, oats, barley, rye, canola and flax, as a special crop"



After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 24, as amended, carried.

Clauses 25 to 30 inclusive carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

It was agreed, -- That the Chairman report Bill C-26, as amended, to the House.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee order a reprint of Bill C-26, Act to Amend the Canada Grain Act and the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administration Monetary Penalties Act and to Repeal the Grain Futures Act for use at Report Stage.

During the course of the meeting, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and the witnesses answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 34**

**Thursday, April 23, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999; Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25

**APPEARING:**

The Honourable Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Art Olson, President.

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister;

Douglas Hedley, Acting Associate Deputy Minister, Policy Branch.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 34)

Thursday, April 23, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, John Harvard, Jay Hill, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members of the Committee present:* Ivan Grose for Gerry Byrne; Charles Hubbard for Denis Coderre and Ovid Jackson for Murray Calder.

*Other Member present:* John O'Reilly.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator, Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Appearing:* The Honourable Lyle Vanclicf, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister; Michelle Comeau, Associate Deputy Minister; Douglas D. Hedley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Art Olson, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4) and the Order of Reference of the House dated February 26, 1998, relating to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, being read as follows:

Ordered: That the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, laid upon the Table on February 26, 1998, be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, Votes, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee



## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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on

### **AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

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### **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chairman: Bill Graham, Lib.

## **Meeting No. 35**

**Tuesday, April 28, 1998**

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### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Examination on issues of food security

### **WITNESSES:**

*World Bank:*

Alex F. McCalla, Director, Rural Development;

Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998

The Standing Committee of Agriculture and Agri-Food met jointly with the The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade at 9:03 a.m., this day, in Room 209 of the West Block, the Chairs, Joe McGuire and Bill Graham, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present:* Sarkis Assadourian, Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Raymonde Folco, Bill Graham, Gurmant Grewal, Ted McWhinney, Bob Mills, Julian Reed, Benoît Sauvageau and Daniel Turp.

*In attendance: From Committees and Legislative Services:* Janice Hilchie, Committee Clerk. *From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and

Jean-Denis Frechette, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the World Bank :* Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs; Alex F. McCalla, Director, Rural Development.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine issues of food security.

Ismail Serageldin and Alex F. McCalla each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 9:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Committee



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### AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

### Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Main Estimates

#### WITNESSES:

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Mike Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Doug Hedley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch;

Gilles Lavoie, Director General, Agricultural Industry Services, Market and Industry  
Services Branch;

Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch;

Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Bernie H. Sonntag, Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 36)

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 10:05 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator, Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch. Douglas D. Hedley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch and Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch. Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch. Mike Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch and Gilles Lavoie, Director General, Agricultural Industry, Services Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. Bernie H. Sonntag, Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4) and the Order of Reference of the House dated February 26, 1998, the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates (See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, April 23, 1998, Meeting No. 34).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee





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### AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

### Meeting No. 37

Thursday, April 30, 1998

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Biotechnology as part of its input into the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy

#### WITNESSES:

*Acadia University:*

Kelvin Ogilvie, President.

*AgrEvo Canada Inc.:*

Margaret Gadsby, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Biotechnology North America and Chair  
BIOTECCanada.

*Canadian Biotechnology Strategy Task Force:*

Roy Atkinson, Executive Director.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 37)

Thursday, April 30, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 8:47 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator, Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Acadia University:* Dr. Kelvin Ogilvie, President. *From Industry Canada:* Roy Atkinson, Executive Director, Canadian Biotechnology, Strategy Task Force. *From Agrevo Canada Inc.:* Margaret Gadsby, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Biotechnology North-America, and Chair, BIOTECanada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a study on Biotechnology as part of its input into the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy (present and future trends in crop and animal biotechnology applications).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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### AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

### Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Biotechnology as part of its input into the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy

#### WITNESSES:

*BIOTECCanada:*

Joyce Groote, President;

Rick Walter, Vice-President.

*NEXIA Biotechnology:*

Jeff Turner, Transgenic Animals, Farmer and Goat Breeder (Quebec).

*Ontario Agri-Food Technologies:*

Murray McLaughlin, President.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 38)

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:11 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Ovide Jackson for Murray Calder and Sarkis Assadourian for Paul Steckle.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Ontario Agri-Food Technologies:* Dr. Murray McLaughlin, President. *From Nexia Biotechnologies:* Jeff Turner, President and CEO, Transgenic Animals, Farmer and Goat Breeder (Quebec). *From BIOTECanada:* Joyce Groote, President; Rick Walter, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2). The Committee resumed its study of Biotechnology as part of its input into the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy -- (Industry and Product Outlook).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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### AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

### Meeting No. 39

Thursday, May 7, 1998

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Biotechnology (Perspective of Products Users), as part of its input into the Renewal of the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy

#### WITNESSES:

*AGCare (Toronto):*

Jim Fischer, Chairman.

*Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:*

Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic region.

*Canola Council of Canada:*

Tony Zatylny, Vice-President, Crop Protection.

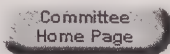
*Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada:*

Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs.

*Soybean Growers' Marketing Board:*

Tom Lasseline, Chairman, Board of Directors.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 39)

Thursday, May 7, 1998.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:12 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* John Bryden for Murray Calder and Allan Kerpan for Jay Hill.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From AGCare (Toronto):* Jim Fischer, Chairman. *From Canola Council of Canada:* Tony Zatylny, Vice-President, Crop Protection. *From Soybean Grower's Marketing Board:* Tom Lasseline. *From Food & Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada (Toronto):* Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs. *From Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors (Halifax):* Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic Region.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Biotechnology (Perspective of Products Users), as part of its input into the Renewal of the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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### AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

### Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Biotechnology, (Regulatory Framework; Public Perception and Access to Information),  
as part of its input into the Renewal of the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy

#### WITNESSES:

*Canadian Environmental Defence Fund:*

Burkhard Mausberg, Executive Director.

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Margaret Kenny, Acting Director, Office of Biotechnology.

*Consumers' Association of Canada:*

Christine Mitchler, Chair, Food Committee.

*Food and Technology (Oshawa):*

Milly Ryan-Harshman, Consultant.

*Food Biotechnology Communications Network (Guelph):*

Gordon Surgeoner, Chair.

*Health Canada:*

Paul Mayers, Head, Office of Food Biotechnology.

*National Federation of Consumers of Quebec (Montreal):*

Nathalie St-Pierre, Executive Director.

*University of Calgary:*

Edna Einsedel, Graduate Program in Communications.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 40)

Tuesday, May 12, 1998.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:04 a.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Margaret Kenny, Acting Director, Office of Biotechnology. *From Health Canada:* Paul Mayers, Head, Office of Food Biotechnology. *From the University of Calgary:* Edna Einsedel, Graduate Program in Communications. *From Food and Technology (Oshawa):* Dr. Milly Ryan-Harshman, Consultant. *From the Food Biotechnology Communications Network (Guelph):* Dr. Gord Surgeoner, Chair. *From Consumer's Association of Canada:* Christine Mitchler, Chair, Food Committee. *From the National Federation of Consumers of Quebec:* Nathalie St-Pierre, General Director. *From the Canadian Environmental Defence Funds (Toronto):* Burkhard Mausberg, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Biotechnology, (Regulatory Framework; Public Perception and Access to Information), as part of its input into the Renewal of the Canadian Biotechnology Strategy.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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### AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

### Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Reports by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food on Subsidies and Support in the U.S. Dairy Industry and U.S. Dairy Import Restrictions

#### WITNESSES:

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Ken Ash, Director General, Economic and Policy Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch;

Mike Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Richard Tudor Price, Acting Director General, Industry Performance and Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 41)

Tuesday, May 26, 1998.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture Canada:* Mike Gifford, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Ken Ash, Director General, Economic and Policy Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch and Richard Tudor-Price, Acting Director General, Industry Performance and Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to study Reports by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food on Subsidies and Support in the U.S. Dairy Industry and U.S. Dairy Import Restrictions.

Mike Gifford and Ken Ash made opening statements and, with Richard Tudor-Price, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee



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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

**Meeting No. 42**

**Thursday, May 28, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to review the mandate, management, efficiency and harmonization process of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA)

**WITNESSES:**

*Pest Management Regulatory Agency:*

Elizabeth Javor, Manager, Business Line Improvement;

Wayne Ormrod, Chief Registrar;

Wendy Sexsmith, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Meeting No. 42)

Thursday, May 28, 1998.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met at 9:06 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency:* Wayne Ormrod, Chief Registrar; Wendy Sexsmith, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs and Elizabeth Javor, Manager, Business Line Improvement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to review the mandate, management, efficiency and harmonization process of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).

Wendy Sexsmith made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee



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Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

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(Meeting No. 43)

Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met *in camera* at 9:17 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Bob Speller for Murray Calder and John Bryden for Gerry Byrne.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator, Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine a Draft Report on Biotechnology.

On motion of Larry McCormick, it was agreed, -- That the Chair be allowed to make all the editorial changes necessary to reflect the amendments proposed to the text of the Draft Report.

On motion of John Harvard, it was agreed, -- That the Committee do request a Government Response to the Report, pursuant to Standing Order 109.

On motion of Rose-Marie Ur, it was agreed, -- That the Chair be allowed to table the Report in the House, as soon as the editorial changes are incorporated to the text of the Report.

On motion of Denis Coderre, it was agreed, -- That the Report, as amended, be approved by the Committee.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee





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(Meeting No. 44)

Thursday, June 4, 1998.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met *in camera* at 9:12 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Murray Calder, Vice-President, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Roger Gallaway for Paul Bonwick, Rey Pagtakhan for Paul Steckle and Derrek Konrad for Leon E. Benoit.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Sonya Dakers, Research Coordinator and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Brian Evans, Director, Animal Health. *As Individual:* Clare Bauman, Poultry-man and Sheep Breeder and Conrad Bernier, Sheep Breeder.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold an Information Session on the Mad Cow Equivalent in Sheep (SCRAPIE), in Quebec.

At 9:12 a.m., Larry McCormick, Acting Chair, took the Chair for the start of the meeting.

At 9:17 a.m., Murray Calder, Vice-President, took the Chair.

On motion of John Harvard, seconded by Denis Coderre, it was agreed, -- That, the Committee authorize the payment for expenses incurred for a reception to be held on Thursday, June 4, 1998, at the Parliamentary Restaurant, for Members, staff and guests, from the Committee's hospitality budget for the fiscal year 1998-1999.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee



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(Meeting No. 45)

Thursday, June 11, 1998.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food met *in camera* at 9:16 a.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake E. Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Members present:* Pierre Brien and Réjean Lefebvre.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist and Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held an Information Session on the Mad Cow Equivalent in Sheep (SCRAPIE).

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee





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### AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chairman: Joe McGuire, Lib.

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a request by four Members of the Committee

#### WITNESSES:

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and  
Industry Services Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Claude Carrière, Director.



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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, October 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe McGuire, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Leon Benoit, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Bob Speller for Gerry Byrne and Howard Hilstrom for Jay Hill.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Claude Carrière, Director, Tariffs and Market Access Division. *From the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch and Philip G. Douglas, Deputy Director, United States, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Committee considers a request by four (4) Members of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, Hélène Alarie moved, - That, we urge to summon before this committee the Canadian Food Inspection Agency members accountable for the eradication of the sheep scrapie file, as well as the Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister, to keep us aware of the most recent information in this constant evolving topic.

It was agreed, - That, the motion be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Committee considered the letter dated September 22, 1998, submitted by Rick Borotsik, M.P., Dick Proctor, M.P., Jay Hill, M.P., and Leon Benoit, M.P., which reads as follows:

September 22, 1998

OTTAWA, CANADA

Mr. Georges Etoka, Clerk

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food

House of Commons

Room 619, 180 Wellington Street

Ottawa, Ontario

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I am requesting an emergency committee meeting be held, pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), at the earliest possible time to discuss the issue of the Canada-US agricultural trade dispute at the North and South Dakota borders. Standing Order 106(3) states that "within 10 sitting days of the receipt (of the letter of request), by the clerk of the standing committee, the Chairman of the said committee shall convene such a meeting provided that 48 hours notice is given of the meeting."

The reason for the emergency meeting is simple. Last week, when the State's of North and South Dakota decided to block our agricultural exports by making unnecessary inspections it put our agricultural trade relationship in jeopardy. It is a trade relationship that in 1996 alone gave Canadian farmers over \$10 billion dollars in exported agri-food products to the United States.

To say that the farmers that I have talked with in my constituency are not happy about the interference from the State governments would be an understatement. And, I am sure the same sentiments are true with other farmers affected by the blockades in Western Canada.

The emergency meeting would give committee members an opportunity to question government officials from both the Departments of Agriculture and International trade on their thoughts on the trade dispute. We, as parliamentarians, have the right to know what are the federal government's options in this matter and what this government intends to do.

In saying that, I have included the signatures of four committee members, including myself, to complete my written request for the meeting. Thank you.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That, the Committee hear the officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Mike Gifford and Claude Carrière made opening statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Howard Hilstrom moved the following motions:

- That, this Committee direct the clerk to invite the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of International Trade, and the Minister of Natural Resources with special responsibilities for the Canadian Wheat Board to discuss the unilateral blockade of Canadian livestock and grain by a number of US States; and
- That, this Committee study and report back to the House of Commons on the development and implementation of an early-warning system to anticipate and deal with unilateral trade actions before they become a crisis.

It was agreed, - That, the proposed motions be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Committee

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



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Meeting No. 47

Monday, October 5, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, , presiding.

*Member(s) of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppe, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Denis Paradis, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member(s) present:*

*Associate Member(s) present:* Peter Adams, Leon Benoit, Pierre Brien, Rick Casson, Michelle Dockrill, Allan Kerpan, Réjean Lefebvre, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, John Solomon, Greg Thompson, Myron Thompson.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witness(es):*

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2), Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

At 3:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk(s) of the Committee





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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to examine its future business



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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, October 8, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:12 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitzkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Denis Paradis, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Réjean Lefebvre for Odina Desrochers, Stan Keyes for Paul Bonwick, Jean Augustine for Paul Steckle, Bernard Patry for Rose-Mary Ur, Marlene Catterall for Denis Paradis and Marlene Catterall for Paul Bonwick.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine its future business. (See Minutes of the Committee, dated Oct. 6, 1998, Meeting No. 47).

By unanimous consent, Hélène Alarie moved, - That, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency officials accountable for the eradication of the sheep scrapie file, be summoned before this Committee, to keep us aware of the most recent information in this constant evolving topic.

After debate, it was agreed, - That, the next meeting of the Committee, on October 20, 1998, be on SCRAPIE, for the full two hours and that the Officials of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency be invited to appear.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That, the motion on notice from the last Committee's meeting by Howard Hilstrom, regarding the unilateral blockade of Canadian Livestock and grain by a number of US States, be withdrawn.

Howard Hilstrom moved, - That, this Committee study and report back to the House of Commons on the development and implementation of an early-warning system to anticipate and deal with unilateral trade actions before they become a crisis.

After debate, it was agreed, - That, the motion be withdrawn.

Howard Hilstrom moved, - That, this Committee study and report to the House on the upcoming crisis in farms incomes due to the world-wide collapse of commodity prices. The Committee should also review and report to the Government, potential solutions to the crisis.

Debate arose thereon.

Larry McCormick moved, - That, the debate on the motion be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to, on a show of hands, on a count of 7 for and 6 against.

It was agreed, - That, a Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be struck and that it be comprised of nine (9) members, the Chairman, the Vice-Chair from the Government side, the Parliamentary Secretary and two committee members from the Government side and from the Opposition side, the Vice-Chair from the Reform Party, a representative from the Bloc, a representative from the NDP and a representative from the Conservatives.

It was agreed, - That, the two members of the Sub-Committee from the government side shall be Denis Coderre and Larry McCormick.

It was agreed, on a motion of Jake Hoeppner, - That, any item of business can be proposed to the Committee for consideration, provided that it has the support of the majority of the Committee's members, otherwise the item will be considered on notice, for forty-eight (48) hours, before it can be considered by the Committee.

It was agreed, - That, the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, with at least three (3) members present, provided that one of them is from the opposition.

It was agreed, - That, the request for a budget for witness expenses for the "Take Note" Hearings be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 10:49 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 49**

**Tuesday, October 20, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information Session on the Status of SCRAPIE in Quebec

**WITNESSES:**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Tom Richardson, Director General, Farm Income Policy and Programs Directorate, Policy Branch.

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Brian Evans, Director, Animal Health;

André Gravel, Acting Vice-President, Programs.



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Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:01 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Garry Breitzkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Denis Paradis, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Crête for Odina Desrochers, Gerald Keddy for Rick Borotsik, Raymond Lavigne for Paul Steckle.

Associate Member present: Peter Adams.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. André Gravel, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Dr. Brian Evans, Director, Animal Health. *From Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Tom Richardson, Director General, Farm Income Policy and Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold an Information Session on the Status of SCRAPIE in Quebec. (See Minutes of the Committee, dated October 8, 1998, Meeting No. 48).

André Gravel and Brian Evans made opening statements and, with Tom Richardson, answered questions.

Hélène Alarie moved, - That, the Committee recommends that the Minister deal equitably with all affected producers and that he make compensatory measures retroactive to January 1, 1997.

After debate, it was agreed that the motion should stand on notice for 48 hours, and will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:44 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Larry McCormick moved, - That, the budget relating to the proposed "Take Note" Hearings on WTO Negotiations, totaling \$76,900. for witnesses expenses be agreed to, and - That, the Chair be authorized to submit it to the Liaison Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 50**

**Thursday, October 22, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee commenced the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization on agriculture

**APPEARING:**

The Honourable Lyle Vancief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESS:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.



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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, October 22, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:02 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Brent St. Denis for Paul Bonwick.

*Associate Member present:* Peter Adams.

*Other Members present:* Charlie Penson and Gerald Keddy.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Appearing:* The Honourable Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister; Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), The Committee commenced the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture.

The Honourable Lyle Vanclief made an opening statement and, with Mike Gifford, answered questions.

At 9:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mike Gifford answered questions.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to consider the motion on notice of Hélène Alarie, (See Committee Minutes of October 20, 1998, Meeting No. 49).

- That, the Committee recommends that the Minister deal equitably with all affected producers and that he make compensatory measures retroactive to January 1, 1997.

After debate, it was agreed, - That, the motion should stand, pending a legal advice on the retroactivity, as requested, for a period of not more than ten (10) days, after which, the Committee will consider the motion, not later than Thursday, November 5, 1998.

At 10:22 a.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 10:24 a.m., the meeting resumed.

The Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure proceeded to meet *in camera*, to consider future Committee's business.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 51**

**Tuesday, October 27, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee commenced the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Sugar Beet Producers' Association Inc.:*


Mark Kuryvial, President;

Ken Yuill, First Vice-President.

*Canadian Sugar Institute:*

Sandra Marsden, President.



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Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, October 27, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Denis Paradis, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Rick Casson for Garry Breitkreuz.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Sugar Institute:* Sandra Marsden, President. *From the Canadian Sugar Beet Producers' Association Inc.:* Mark Kuryvial, President; Ken Yuill, First Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture. (See Committee Minutes on October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Sandra Marsden and Mark Kuryvial made opening statements and, with Ken Yuill, answered questions.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows:

The Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food has the honour to presents its

### THIRD REPORT

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday, October 22, 1998 to consider the future business of the Committee, and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. - That, the budget relating to the proposed "Take Note" Hearings on WTO Negotiations, totaling \$76,900. for witnesses expenses be agreed to, and

- That, the Chair be authorized to submit it to the Liaison Committee.

2. - That, more funds be requested, for witnesses expenses, as more names of witnesses will be

supplied to the Committee for the WTO Hearings and the Farm Income and Commodity prices issues.

3. -That, this Committee study and report to the Government on the upcoming crisis in farm incomes due to the world-wide collapse of commodity prices. The Committee should review and report to the Minister, the extent of the crisis and the direction that it is going.

Respectfully submitted.

After debate, Larry McCormick moved, - That, the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be agreed to.

After debate, it was agreed - That, some editorial changes be made to the third paragraph of the Report, to read as follows:

- That, this Committee study the upcoming crisis in farm incomes due to the world-wide collapse of commodity prices. The Committee should review and report to the House of Commons, the extent of the crisis and the direction that it is going.

Howard Hilstrom, moved an amendment thereto:

- That, the third paragraph of the Report be amended, by striking out the second sentence, and replacing it with the following:

The Committee should also review and report to the House of Commons potential solutions to the crisis.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment, and it was agreed to, on a show of hands.

Accordingly, the third paragraph, as amended, reads as follows:

- That, this Committee study the upcoming crisis in farm incomes due to the world-wide collapse of commodity prices. The Committee should also review and report to the House of Commons potential solutions to the crisis.

The question was put on the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, to be concurred in and it was agreed to.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee



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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 52**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency:*

Paul Jelley, General Manager;

Martine Mercier, Chair.

*Canadian Egg Marketing Agency:*

Neil Currie, Chief Executive Officer;

Félix Destrijker, Chairman.

*Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency:*

Phil Boyd, Executive Director;

John Stolp, Chairman.

*Chicken Farmers of Canada:*

Mike Dungate, General Manager;

Mashoud Janjua, First Vice-Chairman.

*Further Poultry Processor Association of Canada:*

Robert G. de Valk, General Manager.

*Ontario Egg Producers:*

Brian Ellsworth, General Manager;

Henry Koop, Chariman.

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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, October 29, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitzkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, M.P., Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses:* *From the Chicken Farmers of Canada:* Mashoud JanJua, Vice-chairman; Mike Dungate, General Manager; *From the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency:* Neil Currie, Chief Executive Officer; Félix Destrijker, Chairman; Laurent Souligny, Vice-Chairman; *From the Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada:* Robert G. de Valk, General Manager; *From the Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency:* Martine Mercier, Chair; Paul Jelley, General Manager; *From the Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency:* John Stolp, Chairman; Phil Boyd, Executive Director; *From the Ontario Egg Producers:* Henry Koop, Chairman; Brian Ellsworth, General Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the Committee, of October 22, 1998, Meeting no. 50).

Mashoud JanJua, Félix Destrijker and Robert de Valk made opening statements and, with Mike Dungate and Neil Currie answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:09 a.m. the sitting resumed.

Martine Mercier, John Stolp, Henry Koop and Brian Ellsworth made opening statements and, with Paul Jelley and Phil Boyd answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 53**

**Tuesday, November 3, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Agricore:*

Kenneth Edie, Board Member;  
Patty Townsend, Manager, National Affairs.

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Jack Wilkinson, President.

*Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:*

Leroy Larsen, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors;  
Gordon Pugh, Vice-President, Member Relations.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 53

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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:* Leroy Larsen, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors; Gordon Pugh, Vice-President - Member Relation; *From the AGRICORE:* Kenneth Edie, Board Member; Patty Townsend, Manager, National Affairs; *From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Jack Wilkinson, President; Sally Rutherford, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee, of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Leroy Larson made an opening statement.

It was agreed, on motion of Howard Hilstrom, seconded by Murray Calder, -- That lunch be ordered whenever the committee meets during lunch hour to allow Members to continue working properly.

Kenneth Edie and Jack Wilkinson made opening statements and, with Leroy Larsen, Gordon Pugh, Patty Townsend and Sally Rutherford, answered questions.

At 10:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned until the next meeting, at 11:00 a.m.

Georges Etoke

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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 54**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes

**WITNESSES:**

*Agricore:*

Kenneth Edie, Board Member;

Patty Townsend, Manager, National Affairs.

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Jack Wilkinson, President.

*Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:*

Leroy Larsen, President and Chairman, Board of Directors;

Gordon Pugh, Vice-President, Member Relations.



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Meeting No. 54

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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Jack Wilkinson, President; Benoît Basillais, Policy Analyst; *From the AGRICORE:* Kenneth Edie, Board Member; Patty Townsend, Manager, National Affairs; *From the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:* Leroy Larsen, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors; Gordon Pugh, Vice-President - Member Relation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated October 27, 1998, the committee undertook to study the upcoming crisis in farm incomes (See Minutes of the Committee dated October 27, 1998, Meeting No. 51).

Jack Wilkinson, Kenneth Edie and Leroy Larson made opening statements and, with Gordon Pugh, Benoît Basillais and Patty Townsend answered questions.

At 11:39 a.m., Rose-Marie Ur took the Chair.

At 11:57 a.m., John Harvard assumed the Chair.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 55**

**Wednesday, November 4, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes

**WITNESSES:**

*Ontario Corn Producers' Association:*

Brian Doidge, Market Analyst;

Robert Down, President.

*Ontario Soybean Growers' Marketing Board:*

Fred Brandenburg, Secretary-Manager;

Ron MacDougall, Director.

*Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board:*

Ken Nixon, Chair.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Wednesday, November 4, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* René Canuel for Hélène Alarie.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Ontario Corn Producers' Association:* Robert Down, President and Brian Doidge, Market Analyst. *From the Ontario Soybean Growers' Marketing Board:* Ron MacDougall, Director and Fred Brandenburg, Secretary-Manager. *From the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board:* Ken Nixon, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated October 27, 1998, Study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes.

Ken Nixon, Ron MacDougall, Brian Doidge, Fred Brandenburg and Robert Down, made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 56**

**Thursday, November 5, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed the “Take Note” Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Association of Canadian Distillers:*

Paul MacLaren, Acting President, Vice-President Marketing.

*Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:*

Jean-Pierre Léger, President and CEO, “Les Rôtisseries St-Hubert Ltée”;

Kathleen Sullivan, Director, Foodservice Supply.

*Canadian Wine Institute:*

Roger Randolph, President.

*Food Institute of Canada:*

Christopher J. Kyte, President.



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Meeting No. 56

Thursday, November 5, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Wine Institute:* Roger Randolph, President. *From the Association of Canadian Distillers:* Paul MacLaren, Acting President, Vice-President, Marketing; Ronald Veilleux, Director (Federal Office) and Vice-Chairman - GPC Government Policy Consultants. *From the Food Institute of Canada:* Christopher J. Kyte, President. *From the Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association:* Jean-Pierre Leger, President & CEO, Les Rotisseries St-Hubert Ltd.; Jacques Dumoulin, Vice President, Operations & Marketing, Les Rotisseries St-Hubert Ltd.; Kathleen Sullivan, Director Food Service Supply.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the Committee of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Kathleen Sullivan, Jean-Pierre Leger, Christopher Kyte, Roger Randolph and Paul MacLaren made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to consider a motion, standing in the name of Hélène Alarie. (See Minutes of the Committee of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

-- That, the Committee recommends that the Minister deal equitably with all affected producers and that he takes compensatory measures retroactive to January 1, 1997.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, and it was negatived, on a show of hands: YEAS 2 and NAYS 6.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 57**

**Tuesday, November 17, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumes the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Horticultural Council:*

Danny Dempster, Executive Vice-President.

*Crop Protection Institute:*

Charles D. Milne, Vice-President, Government Affairs.





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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Denis Paradis and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Crop Protection Institute:* Charles D. Milne, Vice-President, Government Affairs. *From the Canadian Horticultural Council:* Danny Dempster, Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee, of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Charles D. Milne and Danny Dempster made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 58**

**Wednesday, November 18, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information Session provided by the Canadian Fertilizer Institute on the "Food for our Future" Campaign

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Fertilizer Institute:*

Mike Chorlton, Member of the Executive Committee;  
Roger L. Larson, President;  
John Malinowski, Secretary Treasurer;  
Don Smith, Vice-Chairman.

*Quebec Fertilizer Manufacturers Association:*

Donald Côté, President.



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Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 4:05 p.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From Simplot Canada Limited:* John Malinowski, Manager, Sales and Marketing. *From the Quebec Fertilizer Manufacturers Association:* Donald Côté, Agrologist, Administrative Manager. *From the Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Roger L. Larson, President; Mike Chorlton, Chair and CEO; Don Smith, Vice-Chairman and General Manager, Terra International (Canada) Inc.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold an Information Session provided by the Canadian Fertilizer Institute, on the "Food for our Future" Campaign.

Roger L. Larson and Don Smith, made opening statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Thursday, November 19, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumes the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Oilseed Processors Association:*

Robert Broeska, President;

Simon Sigal, Consultant.

*Canadian Seed Trade Association:*

Bruce Hunter, Manager of Product Development, Novartis Seeds; Plattsville, Ontario;

William Leask, Executive Vice-President.

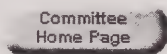
*Malting Industry Association of Canada:*

Phil de Kemp, President.

*Pulse Canada:*

Gordon Bacon, President.





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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, November 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses From Pulse Canada:* Gordon Bacon, President. *From the Canadian Seed Trade Association:* William Leask, Executive Vice-President; Bruce Hunter, Manager of Product Development, Novartis Seeds, Plattsville Ontario. *From the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association:* Robert Broeska, President; Simon Sigal, Consultant. *From the Malting Industry Association of Canada:* Phil de Kemp, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee, of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Gordon Bacon, William Leask, Bruce Hunter, Robert Broeska and Phil de Kemp made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 60**

**Tuesday, November 24, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumes the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Agri-Food Marketing Council:*

Myles Frosst, Executive Director.

*Canadian Cattlemen's Association:*

Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs;

Neil Jahnke, Chairman, Foreign Trade Committee.

*United Grain Growers:*

Ted Allen, President and Chairman of the Board.



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Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Denis Paradis, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Member present:* Charlie Penson.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Agri-Food Marketing Council:* Myles Frosst, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Neil Jahnke, Chairman, Foreign Trade Committee; Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs. *From the United Grain Growers:* Ted Allen, President and Chairman of the Board.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Myles Frosst, Neil Jahnke and Ted Allen made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

“Take Note” Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Wheat Board:*

Lorne Hehn, Chief Commissioner;

Larry Sawatzky, Industry Analyst, Market Analysis Group;

Peter Watts, Market Analyst, Market Analyst Group.



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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Member present:* Charlie Penson.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Wheat Board:* Lorne Hehn, Chief Commissioner; Larry Sawatzky, Industry Analyst, Market Analysis Group; Peter Watts, Market Analyst, Market Analyst Group.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee, of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Lorne Hehn, Larry Sawatzky and Peter Watts made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 62**

**Wednesday, November 25, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Cattlemen's Association:*

Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs;

Neil Jahnke, Chairman, Foreign Trade Committee.

*Keystone Agricultural Producers:*

Donald Dewar, President;

Marcel Hacault, Vice-President.

*National Farmers Union:*

Randall Affleck, Maritimes Coordinator, P.E.I.;

Cory Ollicka, Vice-President, Alberta.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 62

Wednesday, November 25, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Charlie Penson for Howard Hilstrom.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses : From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Neil Jahnke, Chairman, Foreign Trade Committee; Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs. *From the National Farmers Union:* Cory Ollikka, Vice-President (Alberta); Randall Affleck, Maritimes Coordinator (PEI). *From the Keystone Agricultural Producers:* Donald R. Dewar, President; Marcel Hacault, Vice-President and Chairman, Trade Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated October 27, 1998, the committee resumed the study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes (See Minutes of the Committee of October 27, 1998, Meeting No. 51).

Donald Dewar, Marcel Hacault, Cory Ollikka, Randall Affleck and Neil Jahnke made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 63**

**Thursday, November 26, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

“Take Note” Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Alliance of Agri-Food Exporters:*

Martin Parent, Director, Canadian Pork International;

Patty Townsend, Representative;

Richard Watson, Marketing Director, Canamera Foods.

*Keystone Agricultural Producers:*

Donald R. Dewar, President;

Marcel Hacault, Vice-President and Chairman, Trade Committee.

*National Farmers Union:*

Randall Affleck, Maritimes Coordinator, P.E.I.;

Cory Ollicka, Vice-President, Alberta.

*Western Barley Growers Association:*

Greg Rockafellow, President.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, November 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:01 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Myron Thompson for Howard Hilstrom.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Alliance of Agri-Food Exporters:* Martin Parent, Director, Canadian Pork International; Richard Watson, Marketing Director, Canamera Foods. *From the Keystone Agricultural Producers:* Donald R. Dewar, President; Marcel Hacault, Vice-President and Chairman, Trade Committee. *From the National Farmers Union:* Cory Ollicka, Vice-President (Alberta); Randall Affleck, Maritimes Coordinator (PEI). *From the Western Barley Growers Association:* Greg Rockafellow, President; Ed Armstrong, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Greg Rockafellow, Donald R. Dewar, Marcel Hacault, Randall Affleck, Richard Watson and Martin Parent made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Canola Growers Association:*

Bruce Dalgarno, Past President.

*Government of the Province of Saskatchewan:*

Honourable Eric Upshall, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

*“Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec”:*

Yvon Proulx, Economist, Research and Agriculture Policy.

*Western Barley Growers Association:*

Ed Armstrong, Director;

Greg Rockafellow, President.



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Thursday, November 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:01 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Myron Thompson for Howard Hilstrom.

*Other Member present:* Rick Laliberté.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Western Barley Growers Association:* Greg Rockafellow, President; Ed Armstrong, Director. *From the Canadian Canola Growers Association:* Bruce Dalgarno, Past President. *From the "Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec ":* Yvon Proulx, Economist, Research and Agriculture Policy. *From the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Saskatchewan:* The Honourable Eric M. T. Upshall, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated October 27, 1998, the committee resumed the study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes (See Minutes of the Committee of October 27, 1998, Meeting No. 51).

Bruce Dalgarno, Ed Armstrong, Yvon Proulx and the Honourable Eric M.T. Upshall made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 65**

**Tuesday, December 1, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

“Take Note” Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*Dairy Farmers of Canada:*

Leo Bertoia, Second Vice-President (Saskatchewan);

Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

*Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada:*

Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs;

George Fleischmann, President;

John Pigott, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:*

Kevin Archibald, First Vice-President;

Larry Maguire, President.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 65

Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Dairy Farmers of Canada:* Leo Bertoia, Second Vice-President (Saskatchewan); Richard Doyle, Executive Director. *From the Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada (Toronto):* George Fleischmann, President; Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs; John Pigott, President and Chief Executive Officer, Morrisson Lamothe. *From the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:* Larry Maguire, President; Kevin Archibald, Vice-President; Paul D. Earl, Manitoba Policy Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

George Fleischmann, Larry Maguire and Leo Bertoia made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee





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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 66**

**Tuesday, December 1, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Pork Council:*

Edouard Asnong, President; Vice-President "Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec";

Martin Rice, Executive Director.

*Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:*

Kevin Archibald, First Vice-President;

Larry Maguire, President.



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Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:04 a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Garry Breitzkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:* Larry Maguire, President; Kevin Archibald, Vice-President; Paul D. Earl, Manitoba Policy Manager. *From the Canadian Pork Council:* Martin Rice, Executive Director; Edouard Asnong, President and Vice-President « Fédération des producteurs du porc du Québec ».

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated October 27, 1998, the committee resumed the study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes (See Minutes of the Committee of October 27, 1998, Meeting No. 51).

Larry Maguire and Edouard Asnong made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 67**

**Wednesday, December 2, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes

**APPEARING:**

The Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister;

Douglas D. Hedley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m., this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Réginald Bélair for Denis Paradis.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Appearing: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* The Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister; Douglas D. Hedley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated October 27, 1998, the committee resumed the study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes (See Minutes of the Committee of October 27, 1998, Meeting No. 51).

Hon. Lyle Vanclief made an opening statement and, with Messrs. D. Hedley and F. Claydon, answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Président: John Harvard, Lib.

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**ORDRE DU JOUR:**

Audiences exploratoires sur les négociations à venir de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC) sur l'agriculture

**TÉMOINS:**

*Conseil canadien du porc:*

Edouard Asnong, président;

Martin Rice, directeur exécutif.

*Conseil des viandes du Canada:*

Bill Mulock, président;

Robert Weaver, directeur général.

*Conseil national de l'industrie laitière du Canada:*

Kempton L. Matte, président-directeur général.



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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, December 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:01 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Roy Bailey for Howard Hilstrom.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Pork Council:* Martin Rice, Executive Director; Edouard Asnong, President and Vice-President, « Fédération des producteurs du porc du Québec ». *From the Canadian Meat Council:* Bill Mulock, President; Robert Weaver, General Manager; Brian A. Read, Vice-President. *From the National Dairy Council of Canada:* Kempton L. Matte, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Bill Mulock, Robert Weaver, Kempton L. Matte and Edouard Asnong made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:49 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 69

Monday, December 7, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:46 p.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Denis Paradis, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Judi Longfield for Paul Bonwick, Wayne Easter for Paul Bonwick.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated October 27, 1998, the committee resumed the study of the upcoming crisis in farm incomes (See Minutes of the Committee of October 27, 1998, Meeting No. 51).

The Committee proceeded to meet *in camera* to consider a Draft Report on the Farm Income Crisis.

It was agreed, on motion of Larry McCormick, -- That, the Chair be authorized to make some typographical and editorial changes to the Report without changing its substance.

Denis Paradis moved, -- That, the Draft Report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Fourth Report, and that the Chair be instructed to present it to the House, with minority Reports, provided that they be presented to the Clerk, no later than 7:00 p.m., tomorrow, Tuesday, December 8, 1998.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: Yeas 14, Nays 0.

Hélène Alarie,	Rick Borotsik,	Murray Calder,
Denis Coderre,	Odina Desrochers,	Wayne Easter,
Howard Hilstrom,	Jake Hoepfner,	Larry McCormick,
Joe McGuire,	Denis Paradis,	Dick Proctor,
Paul Steckle,	Rose-Marie Ur.	

It was agreed, on motion of Denis Paradis, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the Report within one hundred and fifty (150) days.

It was agreed, on motion of Larry McCormick, -- That, the Committee print 1000 copies of its Fourth

Report in bilingual format, and that the same Report be made available on the Internet in both official languages.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee will seek funds to pay for the cost of printing an extra 450 copies of the Report, above the allocated number of 550 copies.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 70**

**Tuesday, December 8, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

"Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture

**WITNESSES:**

*"Association québécoise des industries de nutrition animale et céréalière":*

Denis Levasseur, Director;

André Pilon, Executive President.

*Canadian Dehydrators Association:*

Garry Benoit, Executive Director;

Bryan Davidson, President.

*"Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec":*

Laurent Pellerin, President;

Yvon Proulx, Economist, Research and Agricultural Policy.



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Meeting No. 70

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Joe McGuire, Denis Paradis, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the "Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec":* Laurent Pellerin, President; Yvon Proulx, Economist, Research and Agriculture Policy. *From the « Association québécoise des industries de nutrition animale et céréalière »:* D. Levasseur, Director; André Pilon, Executive President. *From the Canadian Dehydrators Association:* Bryan Davidson, President; Garry Benoit, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed the "Take Note" Hearings on the Upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) Negotiations on agriculture -- (See Minutes of the committee of October 22, 1998, Meeting No. 50).

Yvon Proulx, Laurent Pellerin, Bryan Davidson, André Pilon made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, on motion of Denis Paradis, seconded by Howard Hilstrom, -- That, the Chair be authorized to request funding from the Liaison Committee for a proposed trip to Washington, D.C., of about \$62,000.00 and that, he also seeks the House's authorization for the said trip, on the upcoming WTO negotiations on Agriculture.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 71**

**Thursday, February 11, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Examination of the Mandate, Management and Operation of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Sally Rutherford, Executive Director.

*Pest Management Regulatory Agency:*

Claire Franklin, Executive Director;

Wayne Ormrod, Chief Registrar;

Wendy Sexsmith, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs;

Robert Woods, Director, Management, Planning and Coordination Division.



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Meeting No. 71

Thursday, February 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:09 a.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency:* Wayne Ormrod, Chief Registrar; Dr. Claire Franklin, Executive Director; Wendy Sexsmith, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs; Robert Woods, Director, Management, Planning and Coordination Division.  
*From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Sally Rutherford, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed examination of the Mandate, Management and Operation of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).

Dr. Claire Franklin made an opening statement and, with Wayne Ormrod, Wendy Sexsmith and Robert Woods, answered questions.

Sally Rutherford made an opening statement and answered questions.

On motion of Larry McCormick, it was agreed, -- That the 4<sup>th</sup> Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

At 11:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 72

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppe, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch; Terry Norman, Director, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Greg Stubbings, Director, Plant Health and Production Division, Plant Products Directorate; Debra Bryanton, Director, Technical Market Access Division, International Affairs. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Claude Carrière, Director, Tariffs and Market Access Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold an information session in preparation for a trip to Washington D.C., on the upcoming WTO Negotiations on Agriculture. (See House Order of December 10, 1998).

Witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:24 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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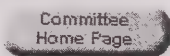
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 73

Thursday, February 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:09 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Terry Norman, Director, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch; Phillip Douglas, Deputy Director, Canada U.S., Trade Policy, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Claude Carrière, Director, Tariffs and Market Access Division; Philip Calvert, Deputy Director, Tariffs and Market Access Division. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Debra Bryanton, Director, Technical Market Access Division, International Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold a briefing session in preparation for a trip to Washington D.C., on the upcoming WTO Negotiations on Agriculture (See House Order of December 10, 1998).

Witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 74

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:09 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Wheat Board:* Greg S. Arason, President and Chief Executive Officer; Adrian Measner, Executive Vice-President, Marketing; Tami Reynolds, Vice-President, Corporate Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110(1) and 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the Order in Council appointment of Greg S. Arason, as Transitional President of the Canadian Wheat Board (See House Journals - February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999, page 1447).

Greg S. Arason made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 75**

**Thursday, March 11, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of the Mandate, Management and Operation of the Canadian Grain Commission

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Grain Commission:*

Marilyn Kapitany, Director, Industry Services;

Denis Kennedy, Chief Operating Officer;

Barry Senft, Chief Commissioner.



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Meeting No. 75

Thursday, March 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Paul Bonwick, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Ian Murray and Dick Proctor.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Grain Commission:* Barry Senft, Chief Commissioner; Dennis Kennedy, Chief Operating Officer; Marilyn Kapitany, Director, Industry Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine the Mandate, Management and Operation of the Canadian Grain Commission.

Barry Senft made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 76

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Michelle Comeau, Associate Deputy Minister; Heather Clemenson, Chief, Rural Analysis, Rural Secretariat; Kevin Doyle, Manager, Federal Policy Integration, Rural Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the Mandate, Management and Operation of the Rural Secretariat.

Michelle Comeau made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 77**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Chapter 12, of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada  
(Creation of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency)

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Peter Brackenridge, Executive Director, Plant Products Directorate;

André Gravel, Vice-President, Programs.

*Office of the Auditor General of Canada:*

L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada;

Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch;

John Mayne, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.



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Meeting No. 77

Thursday, March 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada; Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch; John Mayne, Principal, Audit Operations Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. André Gravel, Vice-President; Programs and Peter Brackenridge, Executive Director, Plant Products Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of Chapter 12, of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Creation of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency).

L. Denis Desautels made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 78**

**Tuesday, April 13, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Chapter 11, of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada--Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada—Cash Advance Program and Follow-up of Recommendations on the Western Grain Transition Payments Program

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Peter E. Fehr, Director, Ottawa Affairs, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration;

Gilles Lavoie, Director General, Agricultural Industry Services Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch.

*Office of the Auditor General of Canada:*

L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada;

Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch;

John Rossetti, Director, Audit Operations Branch.



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Meeting No. 78

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses:* From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada; Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch; John Rossetti, Director, Audit Operations Branch. From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Gilles Lavoie, Director General, Agricultural Industry Services Directorate; Market and Industry Services Branch; Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch; Peter E. Fehr, Director, Ottawa Affairs, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of Chapter 11, of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada -- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Cash Advance Program and Follow-up of Recommendations on the Western Grain Transition Payments Program.

L. Denis Desautels, Gilles Lavoie and Howard Migie made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:28 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study conducted by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada entitled: Impact of Selected Federal Cost Recovery Initiatives on the Agri-Food Sector. (September 1998)

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Brian Paddock, Acting Director General, Economic and Policy Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch;

Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 79

Thursday, April 22, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch; Brian Paddock, Acting Director General, Economic and Policy Analysis.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider a study conducted by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada entitled: Impact of Selected Federal Cost Recovery Initiatives on the Agri-Food Sector. (September 1998).

Tom Richardson and Brian Paddock made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 80**

**Tuesday, April 27, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information session on the Impact of the recent Canadian international Trade Tribunal's Decision regarding the tariff classification of certain butteroil blends. (March 26, 1999 – Reference N° AP-98-055)

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of National Revenue:*

Mike Jordan, Director General, Trade Policy and Interpretation Directorate, Customs and Trade Administration Branch;

Phil McLester, Acting Director, Tariff Classification and International Nomenclature, Customs and Trade Administration Branch.

*Dairy Farmers of Canada:*

John Core, Chair.



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Meeting No. 80

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of National Revenue:* Mike Jordan, Director General, Trade Policy and Interpretation Directorate, Customs and Trade Administration Branch; Phil McLester, Acting Director, Nomenclature and Tariff Treatment Policy Division, Customs and Trade Administration Branch. *From the Dairy Farmers of Canada:* John Core, First Vice-President; Shelley MacInnis, Assistant Director, Policy and Government Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held an information session on the Impact of the recent Canadian international Trade Tribunal's Decision regarding the tariff classification of certain butteroil blends. (March 26, 1999 - Reference N° AP-98-055)

Mike Jordan, John Core made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 81**

**Thursday, May 6, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Round Table discussion with the representatives of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

**WITNESSES:**

*Confederation of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine:*

Deborah Buszard, Doctor, Dean, Macdonald College, McGill University;

Jean-Claude Dufour, Doctor, Dean, Laval University;

Jim Elliot, Doctor, Dean, Manitoba;

Alex Livingston, Doctor, Dean, University of Saskatoon Veterinary College;

Rob McLaughlin, Doctor, Dean, Ontario Agriculture College, University of Guelph;

Alan Meek, Doctor, Dean, President.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 81

Thursday, May 6, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* H  l  ne Alarie, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Fr  d  ric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fr  chette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Confederation of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine:* Dr. Alan Meek, Dean, OVC, and Chair, CCFAVM; Dr. Deborah Buszard, Dean, McGill University; Dr. Jean-Claude Dufour, Dean, Laval University; Dr. Jim Elliot, Dean, Manitoba; Dr. Alex Livingston, Dean, University of Saskatoon, Veterinary College; Dr. Rob McLaughlin, Dean, OAC, University of Guelph.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a Round Table discussion with the representatives of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.

Alan Meek and Deborah Buszard made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

Howard Hilstrom gave notice of a motion to be moved at the next committee meeting, which reads as follows:

Whereas Canadian farmers have suffered a disastrous fall in income and the economic health of rural Canada has been devastated as a result.

Whereas local value added processing of agricultural products in Canada would help improve the financial situation of farmers and improve the economic well-being of rural communities.

Whereas the proposed mill and pasta plant to be located in western Canada, planned by the Prairie Pasta Producers, would give some of this needed value added processing.

I move that this Committee direct the clerk to invite the Prairie Pasta Producers and the Minister of Natural Resources with special responsibilities for the Canadian Wheat Board to discuss the proposed pasta plant and to discuss ways to remove impediments to the plant, put in place by federal legislation.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 82**

**Thursday, May 6, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Main Estimates: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25; and Part III – Report on Plans and Priorities

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Michelle Comeau, Associate Deputy Minister;

Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister.



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Meeting No. 82

Thursday, May 6, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:01 p.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Appearing: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* The Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Michelle Comeau, Associate Deputy Minister; Ron Doering, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency; Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2), and 81, and its Order of Reference of March 1, 1999 from the House, consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25, and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities.

The Honourable Lyle Vanclief made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 83**

**Tuesday, May 11, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Examination of progress made in Biotechnology and Molecular farming and their future

**WITNESSES:**

*FAAR Biotechnology Group:*

Paul Arnison, General Manager.

*Nexia Biotechnologies Inc.:*

Jeffery D. Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Pro Gene Sys:*

Bill Cheliak, Managing Director.



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Meeting No. 83

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Paul Bonwick, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Leon Benoit for Jake Hoeppner and Pauline Picard for Odina Desrochers.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From NEXIA Biotechnologies Inc.:* Jeffrey D. Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer. *From the FAAR Biotechnology Group:* Paul Arnison, General Manager. *From Pro Gene Sys:* Dr. Bill Cheliak, Managing Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Examination of progress made in Biotechnology and Molecular farming and their future.

Paul Arnison, Jeffrey Turner and Bill Cheliak made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:41 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to consider the motion on notice of Howard Hilstrom (See Minutes of Proceedings of May 6, 1999, Meeting No. 81).

-- That, this Committee direct the clerk to invite the Prairie Pasta Producers and the Minister of Natural Resources with special responsibilities for the Canadian Wheat Board to discuss the proposed pasta plant and to discuss ways to remove impediments to the plant, put in place by federal legislation.

Debate arose thereon.

Denis Coderre, seconded by Murray Calder, moved, -- That, the motion be amended by deleting the following words: "the Minister of Natural Resources with special responsibilities for "

After debate, the question was put on the amendment, and it was agreed to, on a show of hands.

The question was put on the motion as amended, and it was agreed to, on a show of hands. The motion, as amended, reads as follows:

-- That, this Committee direct the clerk to invite the Prairie Pasta Producers and the Canadian Wheat Board to discuss the proposed pasta plant and to discuss ways to remove impediments to the plant, put in place by federal legislation.

Rick Borotsik gave notice of a motion to invite the Minister of Natural Resources with special responsibilities for the Canadian Wheat Board to be considered at the next meeting.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**Meeting No. 84**

**Thursday, May 13, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Main Estimates: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25, and Part III – Report on Plans and Priorities

**WITNESSES:**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Peter Fehr, Director, Ottawa Affairs, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration;

Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 84

Thursday, May 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:09 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, Murray Calder, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Peter E. Fehr, Director, Ottawa Affairs, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2), and 81, and its Order of Reference of March 1, 1999 from the House, consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25, and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities.

The Committee proceeded to consider motions on notice.

Hélène Alarie moved, -- Whereas the deans of the Confederation of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, who appeared before the Committee on May 6, 1999, described the overall situation of these faculties;

Whereas a number of problems described could be solved if they were heard by peers;

Whereas food biotechnology is promising but very specific in comparison with other scientific sectors;

Whereas the deans are unanimous in calling for a granting council on food biotechnology;

I move, -- That, we support their request by considering the possibility of setting up a granting council to promote independent research in the field of agri-food.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, and it was agreed to, on a show of hands.

Hélène Alarie moved, -- Whereas processors also have a stake in the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations;

Whereas processors have concerns about the future of their sector if the pest control rules do not take into account their requirements and needs;

Whereas one of Quebec processors in Quebec is a leader in the packing sector;

I move, -- That, we hear Les Aliments Carrière in order to discuss this sector's concerns on the eve of the WTO negotiations.

After debate, it was agreed, -- That, the motion be withdrawn.

Rick Borotsik moved, -- Whereas the value added industry is a integral part our agriculture and agri-food industry in Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian Wheat Board under its current mandate is responsible for the sale and marketing of certain cereal crops used in the value added industry in Canada.

Whereas the Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board still retains the final legislative authority over the workings of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Whereas the study of this subject matter falls within the mandate of this Committee as identified in Standing Order 108(2);

I move, -- That, this Committee invite the Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board to appear before the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food before the House of Commons breaks for the summer recess to discuss the issues surrounding the future of Canada's value added processing industry.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, and it was agreed to, on a show of hands.

Brian Morrissey made an opening statement and, with Peter Fehr and Tom Richardson answered questions.

At 10:38 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Committee



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**Meeting No. 85**

**Tuesday, May 25, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000

**WITNESSES:**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Denise Boudrias, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

André Charland, Director General, Food Bureau, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch.



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Meeting No. 85

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Ian Murray, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other member present:* Reg Alcock.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Denise Boudrias, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Mike Gifford, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch; Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Rick Cooper, Assistant Director General, Food Bureau, Market and Industry Services Branch.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference from the House dated March 1, 1999, relating to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000 (See Minutes of Proceedings, of Thursday, May 6, 1999, Meeting No. 82).

Andrew Graham, Denise Boudrias made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:51 a.m. the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, on motion of Larry McCormick, --That a new draft Budget be prepared by the Clerk, to increase the number of Members of Parliament for the proposed trip to Europe from 6 to 12.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Committee



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**Meeting No. 86**

**Wednesday, May 26, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Brian Evans, Director, Animal Health;

André Gravel, Vice-President, Programs;

Larry Hillier, Vice-President, Operations;

John Jones, Comptroller;

Margaret Kenny, Associate Director, Biotechnology Strategies and Coordination Office;

Shirley Siegel, Vice-President, Human Resources.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 86

*Wednesday, May 26, 1999*

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Denis Coderre, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Rick Limoges for Murray Calder; Rick Limoges for Paul Bonwick.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. André Gravel, Vice-President, Programs; Larry Hillier, Vice-President, Operations; John Jones, Comptroller; Shirley Siegel, Vice-President, Human Resources; Dr. Brian Evans, Director, Animal Health; Margaret Kenny, Associate Director, Biotechnology Strategies and Coordination Office.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference from the House dated March 1, 1999, relating to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000 (See Minutes of Proceedings, of Thursday, May 6, 1999, Meeting No. 82).

André Gravel, made an opening statement and with other witnesses, answered questions.

Larry McCormick moved, -- That, the Chair be authorized to request funding from the Liaison Committee for a proposed trip to Paris, Brussels and Strasbourg of about \$109,300.00 and that he also seeks the House's authorization for the said trip, on the upcoming WTO Negotiations on Agriculture with our European Counterparts.

After debate, the motion was agreed to, on the following division: Yeas: (9): Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Jake Hoepfner, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Nays (1): Howard Hilstrom.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee





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**Meeting No. 87**

**Thursday, June 3, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Examination of the New Generation of Co-ops

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Wheat Board:*

W. Earl Geddes, Program Manager, Market Development, Sales and Market Development Division;

Adrian Measner, Executive Vice-President, Marketing;

Jim Thompson, Senior Marketing Manager, Domestic and Export Wheat Products and U.S.A.

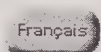
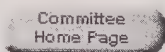
*Prairie Pasta Producers:*

David Schnell, Chairman.

*Sparks Companies Inc.:*

John De Pape, Consultant.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 87

Thursday, June 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Jake Hoeppner, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Yvon Charbonneau for Denis Coderre. Roy Bailey for Garry Breitkreuz. Rick Casson for Howard Hilstrom.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Prairie Pasta Producers:* David Schnell, Chair; John De Pape, Consultant, Sparks Com. Inc. *From the Canadian Wheat Board:* Adrian Measner, Executive Vice-President, Marketing; Jim Thompson, Senior Marketing Manager, Domestic and Export Wheat Products and U.S.A; W. Earl Geddes, Program Manager, Market Development, Sales & Market Development Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the examination of New Generation of Co-ops.

David Schnell and John De Pape made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:01 the meeting was suspended.

At 10:07 the meeting resumed.

Adrian Measner made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 88**

**Tuesday, June 8, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Examination of the New Generation of Co-ops

**APPEARING:**

Honourable Ralph E. Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Wheat Board:*

W. Earl Geddes, Program Manager, Market Development, Sales and Market Development Division.

*Rural Secretariat:*

Stephen Bigras, Manager;

Lynden Johnson, Executive Director.



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Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Thursday, October 21, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs







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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 21, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:46 a.m., this day, in Room 307, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Claude Drouin for Mark Assad; Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Hélène Alarie, Sue Barnes for Gar Knutson.

*Other Member present:* Rick Casson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Paul Steckle seconded by Ian Murray moved, -- That, John Harvard do take the Chair of this Committee as chairman.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, John Harvard was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and invited to take the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to elect the Vice-Chairs.

Garry Breitkreuz seconded by Gerry Ritz moved, -- That, Howard Hilstrom be elected Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Howard Hilstrom was declared elected Vice-Chair, Opposition side.

Ian Murray seconded by Paul Steckle moved, -- That, Murray Calder be elected Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Murray Calder was declared elected Vice-Chair, Government side.

Larry McCormick moved, - That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be comprised of nine (9) members, the Chairman, the Vice-Chair from the Government side, the parliamentary secretary

and two committee members and from the Opposition side, the Vice-Chair from the Reform Party, a representative from the Bloc, a representative from the NDP and a representative from the Conservatives.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chairman.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least 3 members are present including one member from the opposition.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- - That, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to two (2) representatives per organization.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That the witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for their opening statement and that during questioning of the witnesses in the First Round, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for questions from the Reform Party, the Bloc Quebecois Party, the Liberal Party; then, five (5) minutes for the New Democratic Party, the Conservative Party and the Liberal Party and thereafter in the Second Round five (5) minutes for questions for each Party in the same order as above, alternating thereafter between Opposition and Government members at the discretion of the Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, unless there is unanimous consent of the Members of the Committee, forty-eight (48) hours notice must be given to the members of the Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to only distribute documents available in both official languages.

Howard Hilstrom seconded by Gerry Breitreuz, moved -- That, no *in camera* meetings shall occur without a vote by the Committee at an open meeting.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived by a show of hands.

Howard Hilstrom gave notice of the following motions:

That, the combined realized net income in Manitoba and Saskatchewan is forecasted to be 98% below the five year average and given that these forecasts include payments under the Agriculture Income Disaster Assistance plan (AIDA) it is clear that the government has not addressed the agriculture income crisis. I therefore move that this Committee study and report to the House on solutions to the farm income crisis that would ensure emergency compensation is immediately delivered to farmers that have not been served by AIDA.

That, this Committee study and report to the House the financial impact on farmers, grain companies, railways, and food manufacturers on any labelling of genetically modified food.

That, the recent tariff imposed by the United States on Canadian live cattle exports is an unjustified burden on Canadian producers and given that this tariff is a symptom of rising protectionism in the United States, I move that this Committee study and report to the House ways to eliminate that tariff

on live Canadian cattle, and study and report to the House ways to stave of rising United States protectionism in agriculture.

At 10:21 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, October 26, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information Session on Farm Aid Programs, Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA) Program and the Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) Program

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Danny Foster (Managing Director, NISA/AIDA, Policy Branch;

Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch.

*Farm Credit Corporation:*

Jacques Lagacé, National Director, Government and Industry Relations.



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### Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Rick Casson for Garry Breitkreuz; Paul Bonwick for Mark Assad.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch-Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch; Tom Richardson, Director General, Farm Income Policy & Programs Directorate, Policy Branch; James Wheelhouse, Director General, Economic and Policy Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch; Danny Foster, Managing Director, NISA/AIDA, Policy Branch. *From the Farm Credit Corporation:* Jacques Lagacé, National Director, Government and Industry Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold an Information Session on Farm Aid Programs, Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA) Program and the Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) Program.

Douglas D. Hedley and Danny Foster made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee





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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, October 28, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of farm income and safety nets programs

**WITNESSES:**

*Manitoba Legislative Assembly:*

Larry Maguire, Progressive Conservative Member.

*Province of Manitoba:*

Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

*Province of Saskatchewan:*

Dwain M. Lingenfelter, Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food.

*Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:*

Sinclair Harrison.

*Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly:*

Elwin Hermanson, Leader of the Official Opposition;

Jim Melenchuk, Leader of the Saskatchewan Liberal Party.

*Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:*

Leroy Larsen, President.



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### Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 28, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:37 p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Mark Assad, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Rick Limoges for Joe McGuire; David Pratt for Rose-Marie Ur; Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Odina Desrochers; Roy Baily for Garry Breitzkreuz.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch-Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses:* From the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Farm Delegation: Dwain M. Lingenfelter, Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food (Saskatchewan); Leroy Larsen, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; Sinclair Harrison, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities. From the Province of Manitoba: Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Agriculture and Food; Maxine Routledge, Manitoba Women's Institute; Andy Baker, National Farmers Union; Gary Doer, Premier of Manitoba. From the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly: Elwin Hermanson, Leader of the Saskatchewan Party and Leader the Official Opposition; Larry McGuire, Manitoba (Opposition); Jim Melenchuk, Minister of Education, Leader of the Saskatchewan Liberal Party.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to sit *In Camera* for the purpose of examining its future business.

On motion of Murray Calder, it was agreed, -- That, the Standing Committee of Agriculture and Agri-Food study the effectiveness of long term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for long term stability in the agricultural industry.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public in its study of farm income and safety nets programs.

Dwain M. Lingenfelter, Rosann Wowechuk, Elwin Hermanson, Larry McGuire and Jim Melenchuk made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Thursday, November 4, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agriculture industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Robert Friesen, President.

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Mark Assad, Rick Borotsik, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch-Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch; Tom Richardson, Director General, Farm Income Policy & Programs Directorate, Policy Branch; James Wheelhouse, Director General, Economic and Policy Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch; Lambert Gauthier, Acting Director, Economic and Industry Analysis Division, Economic and Policy Analysis Directorate, Policy Branch. *From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Robert Friesen, President; Sally Rutherford, Executive Director; Benoît Basillais, Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated Thursday, October 28, 1999 (See Minutes of Proceedings, Meeting No. 3), the Committee commenced the study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Douglas D. Hedley, Robert Friesen made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, November 16, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of longterm safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Farm Credit Corporation:*

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Marshall Stachniak, Vice-President, Farm Financing.

*Royal Bank of Canada:*

Carlos Leitao, Senior Economist, Royal Bank Financial Group;

John Murphy, Vice-President, Agriculture.



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### Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Gerry Ritz, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Rick Laliberté for Dick Proctor.

*Other Member present:* Rick Casson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch-Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Farm Credit Corporation:* John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Marshall Stachniak, Vice-President, Farm Financing. *From the Royal Bank of Canada:* Carlos Leitao, Senior Economist, Royal Bank Financial Group; John Murphy, Vice-President - Agriculture.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed the study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

John Ryan, John Murphy and Carlos Leitao made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Larry McCormick, seconded by Murray Calder, it was agreed, -- That, the Budget relating to the Study of the effectiveness of long term Safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry, totaling \$60,000.00 for witnesses expenses be agreed to, and -- That, the Chair be authorized to submit it to the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, -- That, the Chair be authorized to request funding from the Liaison Committee for a proposed trip to Paris, Brussels and Strasbourg of about \$70,000.00 and that he also seeks the House's authorization for the said trip, on the upcoming WTO Negotiations on Agriculture with our European Counterparts.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 6**

**Tuesday, November 23, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of longterm safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Wheat Board:*

Greg S. Arason, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Adrian Measner, Executive Vice-President, Marketing.

*University of Saskatchewan:*

Hartley Furtan, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics;

Richard Gray, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics.



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Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Rick Casson for Gerry Ritz; Angela Vautour for Rick Borotsik.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Wheat Board:* Greg S. Arason, President and Chief Executive Officer; Adrian Measner, Executive Vice-President, Marketing. *From the University of Saskatchewan:* Hartley Furtan, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics; Richard Gray, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Hélène Alarie gave notice of the following motion, -- That this Committee study and report to the House about a clear and mandatory labelling mechanism for genetically modified organisms.

Howard Hilstrom gave notice of the following motion, -- That the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be requested to appear before the Standing Committee at the earliest opportunity, but no later than December 17, 1999, to address the Performance Reviews of the Department and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999.

Greg S. Arason, Richard Gray and Hartley Furtan made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:53: sitting suspended.

At 10:55: sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That the 48 hours notice period requirement be waived to consider Howard Hilstrom's motion.

By unanimous consent, Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be requested to appear before the Standing Committee at the earliest opportunity, but no later than December 17, 1999, to address the Performance Reviews of the Department and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That the 48 hours notice period requirement be waived for a motion for the Committee to travel West.

Larry McCormick moved, -- That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, be authorized to travel to Western Canada (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), from December 5 to 10, 1999, in relation to its Study of the effectiveness of long term Safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee and, -- That the Chair be authorized to seek the House's permission to travel.

After debate, it was agreed, -- That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure do meet this afternoon at 3:30 p.m., to consider the Committee's future business.

At 11:29 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 7**

**Thursday, November 25, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of longterm safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Keystone Agricultural Producers:*

Donald R. Dewar, President.

*Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:*

Sinclair Harrison, President.

*Wild Rose Agricultural Producers:*

Allan Holt, President.



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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 a.m., this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Mark Assad, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Ian Murray, Gerry Ritz, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Rick Casson for Garry Breitzkreuz; Joe Jordan for Paul Steckle; Karen Redman for Ian Murray; Judi Longfield for Gar Knutson.

*Associate Member present:* John Solomon.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Rural Municipalities of Regina:* Sinclair Harrison, President. *From the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers:* Allan Holt, President. *From the Keystone Agricultural Producers:* Donald R. Dewar, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Sinclair Harrison, Donald R. Dewar and Allan Holt made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:32 a.m., the sitting is suspended.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Tuesday, November 23, 1999, to consider the future business of the Committee and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

It was agreed, -- That the Committee do undertake a trip to the western provinces, for a week, starting December 5, 1999, in relation to its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

The Committee will be going to Portage La Prairie, Brandon and Dauphin in Manitoba; Prince Albert, Regina and Estevan in Saskatchewan and in Grande Prairie, Vegreville and Airdrie in Alberta.

The length of each meeting will be three hours and half (3½), and the Committee will cover the travelling cost of farmers who are asked to appear and are present before the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

On motion of Rose-Marie Ur, seconded by Larry McCormick, it was agreed, -- That the first Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda be concurred in.

Larry McCormick moved, -- That, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, be authorized to travel to Western Canada (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), from December 5, to 10, 1999, in relation to its Study of the effectiveness of long term Safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee, and

-- That the Chair be authorized to seek the House's permission to travel.

A debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the debate on the amendment was suspended.

By unanimous consent, Hélène Alarie moved, -- That this Committee study and report to the House about a clear and mandatory labelling mechanism for genetically modified organisms.

After debate, it was agreed, -- That the motion do remain on the Committee's agenda until further notice, in the new year.

The Committee resumed the suspended debate on the motion of Howard Hilstrom, --That the motion be amended by inserting the words " and rural parts of Ontario" between the words "Alberta" and ", from".

After debate, the question being on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:  
YEAS=3; NAYS=8.

YEAS = Rick Casson, Howard Hilstrom, Gerry Ritz.

NAYS= Mark Assad, Murray Calder, Judi Longfield, Larry McCormick, Karen Redman, Joe Jordan, Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik.

Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That the motion be amended by replacing the words "December 5, to 10, 1999" with "December 5, 1999 through January 31, 2000".

After debate, the question being on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:  
YEAS=3; NAYS=9.

YEAS = Rick Casson, Howard Hilstrom, Gerry Ritz.

NAYS= Mark Assad, Murray Calder, Judi Longfield, Larry McCormick, Karen Redman, Joe Jordan, Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Rose-Marie Ur.

Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That the motion be amended by inserting the words "and to hear directly from primary producers who have been unable to present their concerns at Committee hearings in Ottawa" between the words "agricultural industry" and "and that".

After debate, the question being on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:  
YEAS=3; NAYS=8.

YEAS = Rick Casson, Howard Hilstrom, Gerry Ritz.

NAYS= Judi Longfield, Larry McCormick, Karen Redman, Ian Murray, Joe Jordan, Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Rose-Marie Ur.

The question being put on the main motion, -- That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, be authorized to travel to Western Canada (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), from December 5, to 10, 1999, in relation to its Study of the effectiveness of long term Safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee, and -- That the Chair be authorized to seek the House's permission to travel, it was unanimously agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That the budget relating to the trip of the Committee to Western Canada in relation to the Study of the effectiveness of long term Safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry, totaling \$169, 331. 00 be agreed to, and

-- That, the Chair be authorized to submit it to the Liaison Committee.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Monday, December 6, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of longterm safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Canada West Equipment Dealers Association:*

Clark Tweed, President.

*Rural Disaster Recovery Coalition:*

Donald R. Dewar, President;

Wayne Motheral;

Ray Redfern;

Graham Starmer.

*As Individuals:*

Clarence Baker;

Duncan Broadfoot;

David Faurschou;

Brad Mroz;

Jim Pallister;

Henry Rempel;

Henry Reske;

Curtis Simms;

Fred Tait;

Rey Toews;

Ross Tufford;

Susan Van De Velde;

Ian Wishart.



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Meeting No. 8

Monday, December 6, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m., this day, in the Banquet Hall of the Southport Aerospace Centre, in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor.

*Acting Member present:* Inky Mark for Garry Breitzkreuz.

*Other Member present:* Jake Hoeppner.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Susan Van De Velde; Rey Toews; Fred Tait; Henry Rempel; Henry Reske; Ian Wishart; Ross Tufford; Duncan Broadfoot. *From the Canada West Equipment Dealers Association:* Clark Tweed, President; Graham Starmer, Executive Director, Manitoba Chamber of Commerce. *From the Rural Disaster Recovery Coalition:* Donald R. Dewar, President; Ray Redfern; Wayne Motheral.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Susan Van Velde, Fred Tait, Rey Toews and Henry Rempel made opening statements and answered questions.

Duncan Broadfoot, Henry Reske, Ross Tufford and Ian Wishart made opening statements and answered questions.

Clark Tweed, Donald Dewar, Ray Redfern, Wayne Motheral made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

Open Microphone Session:

Clarence Baker, David Fourschou, Brad Mroz, Jim Pallister, Curtis Sims, made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 9**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Allard & Yakubchak Certified General Accountants:*

George Allard, Partner.

*Parkland Industrial Hemp Growers:*

Joe Federowich, Chairman.

*As Individuals:*

Albert Dohan;

Terry Drebit;

Chris Dzisiak;

Don Fyk;

Calvin Gust;

Richard Hamilton;

Walter Kolisnyk;

Boris Michaleski;

Art Potoroka;

Gert Schwickart;

Neil Stewart;

Stuart Zanders;

Duane Zimmer.

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Meeting No. 9

Monday, December 6, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:00 p.m., this day, at the Elk's Lodge 57, at 423 Main Street South, in Dauphin, Manitoba, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*Acting Member present:* Inky Mark for Garry Breitzkreuz.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Duane Zimmer; Neil Stewart; Walter Kolisnyk; Gert Schwickart; Stuart Zander; Art Potoroka; Albert Dohan; Richard Hamilton. *From the Allard & Yakubchak Certified General Accountants:* George Allard, Partner. *From the Parkland Industrial Hemp Growers:* Joe Federowich, Chairman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Walter Kolisnyk, Gert Schwickart, Neil Stewart and Duane Zimmer made opening statements and answered questions.

Albert Dohan, Richard Hamilton, Stuart Zander and Art Potoroka made opening statements and answered questions.

George Allard and Joe Federowich made opening statements and answered questions.

### Open Microphone Session:

Terry Drebit, Mayor, Town of Minnedosa, Manitoba; Chris Dzisiak, farmer; Don Fyk, Western Rail Coalition, Manitoba Chair; Calvin Gust, farmer; Boris Michaleski, farmer made opening statements and answered questions.

At 6:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Committee



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**Meeting No. 10**

**Tuesday, December 7, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Anglican Diocese of Brandon:*

Malcolm Harding, Bishop.

*Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba:*

Sheryl Cavers, Outreach Worker.

*Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers:*

Ray Redfern, Past President;

Bernie Thiessen, Past President.

*Meyers Norris Penny & Co.:*

Doug Stroh, Partner.

*As Individuals:*

Alan Armstrong;

Bill Bell;  
Bob Brigden;  
Don Bromley;  
Wendy Bullock;  
Kyle Cochrane;  
Murray Downing;  
Walter Finlay;  
Gregg Fotheringham;  
Jim Green;  
Don Hamilton;  
Bill Morningstar;  
Harvey Paterson;  
Ron Rutherford;  
Bernie Sambrook.



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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:32 a.m., this day, at the Regency "A", Royal Oak Inn, in Brandon, Manitoba, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Walter Finlay; Don Bromley; Harvey Paterson; Murray Downing; Bernie Sambrook; Bill Morningstar; Wendy Bulloch; Bob Brigden. *From the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers:* Ray Redfern, Past President; Bernie Thiessen, Past President. *From the Anglican Diocese of Brandon:* Malcolm Harding, Bishop. *From the Accounting Firm Meyers Norris Penny:* Douglas F. Stroh, Partner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Don Bromley, Murray Downing, Walter Finlay and Harvey Paterson made opening statements and answered questions.

Bob Brigden, Wendy Bulloch, Bill Morningstar and Bernie Sambrook made opening statements and answered questions.

Bishop Malcolm Harding, Bernie Thiessen, Ray Redfern and Douglas F. Stroh made opening statements and answered questions.

### Open Microphone Session:

Alan Armstrong, Bill Bell, Jim Green and Don Hamilton each made a statement.

Kyle Cochrane, Gregg Fotheringham and Ron Rutherford each made a statement.

At 12:00 noon, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Tuesday, December 7, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Saskatchewan Pulse Growers:*

Lyle Minogue, Director.

*Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:*

Marvin Wiens, Vice-President.

*As Individuals:*

Mark Alexander;

Leroy Berry;

Tom Cameron;

Ian Cushon;

Trevor Doty;

George Godenir;

Ed Keyowski;

Arlynn Kurtz;

Jack Pick;

Glen Seeman;

Lee Stanley;

Ray Walton;

Eric Wilmot.

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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:25 p.m., this day, in the Taylorton Room, Beefeater Inn and Motor Hotel in Estevan, Saskatchewan, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Tom Cameron; Leroy Berry; Ed Keyowski; Ray Walton; Lee Stanley; Trevor Doty; Eric Wilmot; Mark Alexander. *From the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:* Marvin Wiens, Vice-President. *From the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers:* Lyle Minogue, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Leroy Berry, Tom Cameron, Ed Keyowski and Ray Walton made opening statements and answered questions.

Mark Alexander, Trevor Doty, Lee Stanley and Eric Wilmot made opening statements and answered questions.

Lyle Minogue and Malvin Wiens made opening statements and answered questions.

Open Microphone Session:

Ian Cushon, George Godenir, Arlynn Kurtz, Jack Pick and Glen Seeman each made a statement.

At 7:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Saskatchewan:*

Bill Boyd, Member, Official Opposition Agriculture Critic;

Leonard J. Gustafson, Senator;

Dwain Lingenfelter, Deputy Premier, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

*Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:*

Sinclair Harrison, President.

*Saskatchewan Women's Agricultural Network:*

Raquel Moleski, Board Member.

*As Individuals:*

Roy Atkinson;

Ray Bashutsky;

Ron Bishoff;

Barry Farr;

William Giblett;

Ron Gleim;

Gayle Knutson;

Greg Lamb;

Denis Martine;

Avery Sahl;

Lorne Sheppard;

Dennis Thompson;

Stewart Wells;

Richard Wright.



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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:30 a.m., this day, in the Regency Ballroom at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Regina, Saskatchewan, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*Other Member present:* Allan Kerpan.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Gayle Knutson. *From the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture & Food:* The Hon. Dwain Lingenfelter, Minister; The Hon. Len Gustafson, Senator. *As Individual:* Greg Lamb; Stewart Wells; Avery Sahl; Denis Martine; Lorne Sheppard; Richard Donnelly; Dennis Thompson. *From the Saskatchewan Official Opposition Agriculture Critic:* Bill Boyd, M.L.A. *From the Canadian Farm Women's Network:* Raquel Moleski, Board Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

The Hon. Dwain Lingenfelter, The Hon. Len Gustafson, Gayle Knutson, Greg Lamb and Stewart Wells made opening statements and answered questions.

From 9:30 to 9:40 a.m., Murray Calder took the Chair of the Committee.

Denis Martine, Avery Sahl, Lorne Sheppard and Dennis Thompson each made opening statement and answered questions.

Open Microphone Session:

Roy Atkinson, Ray Bashutsky, Ron Bishoff, Ron Gleim and Richard Wright each made a statement.

Barry Farr, William Giblett and Sinclair Harrison each made a statement.

At 12:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

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**WITNESSES:**

*National Farmers Union:*

Morris Prescesky, President, Local 628.

*United Grain Growers:*

Brett Halstead, Director;

Terry Youzwa, Director.

*As Individuals:*

Dave Bailey;

Donald Blocka;

Leonard Blocka;

Ted Cawkwell;

Bill Cooper;

Mark Cousin;

Adam Luciuk;

Michelle Luciuk;

Garfield Lutz;

Wayne Mastrachuk;

Armand Roy;

Bruce Wagner;

Barbara Willick;

Bob Willick.

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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:00 p.m., this day, in the Regency Ballroom at the Travelodge Prince Albert Hotel, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Dave Bailey; Barbara Willick; Bob Willick; Mark Cousin; Leonard Blocka; Bruce Wagner; Michelle Luciuk; Adam Luciuk (son); Garfield Lutz; Ted Cawkwell. *From the National Farmers Union:* Morris Prescesky; Morris Prescesky, Member. *From the United Grain Growers:* Terry Youzwa, Director; Brett Halstead, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Dave Bailey, Leonard Blocka, Mark Cousin, Barbara Willick and Bob Willick made opening statements and answered questions.

Ted Cawkwell, Michelle Luciuk, Adam Luciuk, Garfield Lutz, and Bruce Wagner made opening statements and answered questions.

Morris Prescesky, Terry Youzwa and Brett Halstead made opening statements and answered questions.

### Open Microphone Session:

Donald Blocka, Bill Cooper, Wayne Mastrachuk, Armand Roy, Wayne Bacon and Bud Healey each made a statement.

At 6:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Agri-Link Corporation:*

Duane Stevenson.

*Rye & Triticale Association:*

Leo Meyer, President; Vice-President, Prairie Oat Growers Association; Vice-President,  
Western Barley Growers Association.

*As Individuals:*

Mills Anderson;

René Blanchette;

Donald Dumont;

Norman Dyck;

Peter Eggers;

Kit Fearon;  
André Harp;  
Dave Hegland;  
Art Macklin;  
Marcel Maisonneuve;  
Brett McFarland;  
Rick Nagel;  
Cliff Richards;  
Harry Schudlo;  
Garry Smolik.



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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:30 a.m. this day, in the Richmond "C" Room of the Travelodge Trumpeter Motor Inn, in Grande Prairie, Alberta, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitzkreuz, John Harvard, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*Other Member present:* Charlie Penson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Mills Anderson; René Blanchette; Art Macklin; Cliff Richards; Rick Nagel; Gary Smolik; Peter Eggers; Donald Dumont. *From the Prairie Oat Growers Association:* Leo Meyer, Vice-President. *From the Western Barley Growers Association:* Leo Meyer, Vice-President. *From the Rye & Triticale Association:* Leo Meyer, President. *From the Agri Link Corporation:* Duane Stevenson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Mills Anderson, René Blanchette, Art Macklin and Cliff Richards made opening statements and answered questions.

Donald Dumont, Peter Eggers, Rick Nagel and Gary Smolik made opening statements and answered questions.

Duane Stevenson and Leo Meyer made opening statements and answered questions.

Open Microphone Session:

André Harpe, Dave Hegland, Marcel Maisonneuve, Brett McFarland, Harry Schudlo, Kit Fearon and Norman Dyck each made a statement.

At 12:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Alberta Grain Commission:*

Brenda Brindle, Grain Industry Analyst;

Pat Durnin, Member.

*Canadian Dehydrators Association:*

Garry Benoit, Executive Director;

Bryan Davidson, President.

*Cropmasters:*

Greg Porozni, Spokesperson.

*Lakeland County Council:*

Gregory Ibach, Agricultural Fieldman.

*Municipal District of Bonnyville:*

Gordon Graves, Agricultural Fieldman.

*As Individuals:*

Ed Armstrong;

Ross Bezovie;

Adam Campbell;

Victor Chrapko;

Roger Epp;

Dan Gievelhaus;

Henry Kowalchuk;

Einar Loveseth;

Earl Rasmuson;

Bernard von Tettenhorn;

Arden Ziegler.

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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, at the Homesteader Country Inn, in Vegreville, Alberta, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitzkreuz, John Harvard, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*Other Member present:* Leon Benoit.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Victor Chrapko; Arden Ziegler; Roger Epp. *From the Municipal District of Bonnyville:* Gordon Graves, Agricultural Fieldman. *As Individual:* Henry Kowalchuk; Adam Campbell; Earle Rasmuson. *From the Lakeland County:* Gregory Ibach, Agricultural Fieldman. *From the Canadian Dehydrators Association:* Bryan Davidson, President; Garry Benoit, Executive Director. *From the Alberta Grain Commission:* Pat Durnin, Member; Brenda Brindle, Grain Industry Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Victor Chrapko, Roger Epp, Gordon Graves and Arden Ziegler made opening statements and answered questions.

Adam Campbell, Gregory Ibach, Henry Kowalchuk and Earle Rasmuson made opening statements and answered questions.

Bryan Davidson, Garry Benoit, Brenda Brindle, Pat Durnin made opening statements and answered questions.

### Open Microphone Session:

Einar Loveseth, Bernard Von Tettenhorn, Greg Porozni, Larry Kitz, Ross Bezovie, Ed Armstrong and Dan Gievelhaus each made a statement.

At 7:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**WITNESSES:**

*Agricore Cooperative Ltd.:*

George Groeneveld, Vice-President;

Dennis Nanninga, Second Vice-President.

*Alberta Cattle Commission:*

Darcy Davis, Spokesperson.

*Alberta Soft Wheat Producers Commission:*

Edwin Bronsch, Director, Tilley (Alberta);

Arthur E. Eckert, Chairman, Research and Production.

*As Individuals:*

Colleen Bianchi;

Robert Filkohazy;

Ike Lanier;

Ron Leonhardt;

Jim Ness;

Glenn Norman;

Robert Northey;

Hilton Pharis;

Howard Paulson;

Ken Sackett;

Larry Van Slyke;

Neil Wagstaff;

Murray Woods.



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Friday, December 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:30 a.m., this day, at the Legion Hall, Local 228, in Airdrie, Alberta, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Garry Breitzkreuz, John Harvard, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor.

*Other Members present:* Rick Casson; Myron Thompson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Colleen Bianchi; Howard Paulson; Robert Northey; Robert Filkohazy; Hilton Pharis; Larry Van Slyke; Glenn Norman; Neil Wagstaff. *From the Agricore Ltd.:* Dennis Nannings, Second Vice-President; George Groeneveld, Member. *From the Alberta Soft Wheat Producers Commission:* Arthur E. Eckert, Chairman of Research; Edwin Bronsch, Director for Tilley, AB.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Colleen Bianchi, Robert Filkohazy, Robert Northey and Howard Paulson made opening statements and answered questions.

Glenn Norman, Hilton Pharis, Larry Van Slyke and Neil Wagstaff made opening statements and answered questions.

George Groeneveld, Dennis Nannings, Arthur E. Eckert, and Edwin Bronsch made opening statements and answered questions.

Open Microphone Session:

Dancy Davis, Director of the Alberta Cattle Commission; Jim Ness, Ken Sackett, Murray Woods, Ron Leonhardt and Ike Lanier each made a statement.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, December 15, 1999

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 4:14 p.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Wayne Easter for Mark Assad, Rick Limoges for Ian Murray, Rick Casson for Gerry Ritz, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Odina Desrochers.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to meet *in camera* to examine its future business.

It was agreed, -- That a letter be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and a copy to the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister, following the Committee's hearings in the Western Provinces.

It was agreed, -- That this Committee study and report to the House about a clear and mandatory labelling mechanism for genetically modified organisms.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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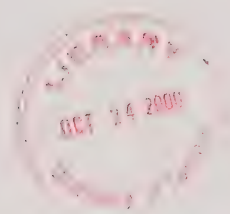
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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 10, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:13 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Raymond Lavigne for Mark Assad; Rick Casson for Garry Breitzkreuz.

*Other Member present:* Jake Hoepfner.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced the Study of a Draft Report on the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

It was agreed, -- That the two research staff of the Committee be allowed to attend a Workshop on The Concepts of Multifunctionality and the Precautionary Approach for Agriculture organized by The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, on February 23 & 24, 2000, in Ottawa, and that the registration fees for the workshop be covered by the Committee's budget, in the order of \$25.00 each plus applicable taxes.

It was agreed, -- That dissenting opinions be allowed to be appended to the report of the Committee, on Farm Income Safety Net, after the Chair's signature, provided that the said opinions are not more than 5 pages long in total and, that the format used is of the same size and of the same spacing as those used in the report, and that the dissenting opinions be delivered to the clerk no later than Thursday, February 17, 2000, at 6:00 p.m., in both official languages.

At 10:27 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 19**

**Thursday, February 24, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information Session on the Canadian Dairy Exports under the World Trade Organization

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Suzanne Vinet, Acting Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada:*

Jean E. Saint-Jacques, Director, Trade Remedies Division.





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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 24, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Deepak Obhrai for Howard Hilstrom; Charlie Penson for Gerry Ritz.

*Other Members present:* Jake Hoepfner, Rick Casson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Suzanne Vinet, Acting Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Jean E. Saint-Jacques, Director, Trade Remedies Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold an Information Session on the Canadian Dairy Exports under the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Jean E. Saint-Jacques and Suzanne Vinet made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:41 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 20**

**Tuesday, February 29, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Briefing session on the Farm Credit Corporation

**WITNESSES:**

*Farm Credit Corporation:*

Jacques Lagacé, National Director, Government and Industry Relations;

Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President, Chief Operating Officer;

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer.







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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 10:36 a.m. ,this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Mark Assad, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Roy Bailey for Gerry Ritz.

*Other Members present:* Lee Morrison; Rick Casson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Farm Credit Corporation:* John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jacques Lagacé, National Director, Government and Industry Relations; Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President & Chief Operating Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to hold a Briefing Session on the Farm Credit Corporation.

John Ryan made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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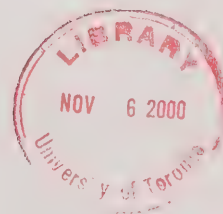
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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of its future business







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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, March 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:14 a.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Gerry Byrne for Mark Assad; Rick Casson for Garry Breitreuz; Charlie Hubbard for Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine its future business.

Hélène Alarie moved, -- That, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food follow up immediately on the motion carried in committee on December 15, 1999, which read as follows:

-- That this Committee study and report to the House about a clear and mandatory labelling mechanism for genetically modified organisms and

-- That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure meet to establish an agenda for the calling of witnesses starting in March 2000, to follow up on the motion carried on December 15, 1999.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following division:

YEAS: 6. Howard Hilstrom; Rick Casson; Hélène Alarie; Odina Desrochers; Dick Proctor; Rick Borotsik.

NAYS: 8. Gerry Byrne; Murray Calder; Gar Knutson; Larry McCormick; Joe McGuire; Ian Murray; Paul Steckle; Rose-Marie Ur.

Murray Calder moved; -- That, Whereas, this Committee passed the following Motion on December 15, 1999:

--That, this Committee study and report to the House about a clear and mandatory labeling mechanism for genetically modified organisms.

Whereas, such a study would also be of interest to the Standing Committee on Health.

The Chair of this Committee undertake immediate discussions with the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health with a view towards establishing an appropriate Sub-Committee on both Committees and that he report to this Committee no later than two weeks from today.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS: 8. Gerry Byrne; Murray Calder; Gar Knutson; Larry McCormick; Joe McGuire; Ian Murray; Paul Steckle; Rose-Marie Ur.

NAYS: 4. Howard Hilstrom; Rick Casson; Dick Proctor; Rick Borotsik

It was agreed, -- following a request pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), signed by Rick Borotsik, Hélène Alarie, Dick Proctor and Howard Hilstrom, requesting the appearance of the Hon. Arthur Eggleton, Minister responsible for the Emergency Preparedness Canada along with departmental officials from Agriculture Canada,

-- That, the Minister will appear before the Committee on May 2, 2000, at 3:30 p.m.

It was agreed, following Howard Hilstrom's motion which reads as follows:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 81 (7 & 8), the committee hold meetings to consider and report on the 2000-01 Main Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food; -- That, the committee invite the Minister and senior officials to appear before the committee as soon as possible after March 30, 2000 but no later than May 31, 2000; -- That, the Minister provide information relating to future expenditure plans and priorities of the Department; and -- That, the committee consider and report recommendations on the future expenditure plans and priorities of the Department no later than June 3, 2000,

-- That, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and senior officials will appear before the Committee on April 4, 2000, at 12:30 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 22**

**Thursday, March 23, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Briefing Session with the National Farmers Union on the farm crisis, EU subsidies, and agribusiness market power

**WITNESSES:**

*National Farmers Union:*

Cory Ollicka, President;

Darrin Qualman, Executive Secretary.









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 23, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gerry Ritz, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Associate Member present:* Rick Casson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the National Farmers Union:* Darrin Qualman, Executive Secretary; Cory Ollicka, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a Briefing Session with the National Farmers Union on the farm crisis, EU subsidies, and agribusiness market power .

Cory Ollicka and Darrin Qualman made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Thursday, March 30, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Auditor General's Report of September 1999, - Chapter 11 - Agriculture Portfolio  
on User Charges

**WITNESSES:**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Jean Chartier, Vice-President, Public and Regulatory Affairs.

*Canadian Grain Commission:*

Dennis Kennedy, Chief Operating Officer.

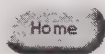
*Office of the Auditor General of Canada:*

L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada;

Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.







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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, March 30, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Member present:* Jake Hoeppner.

*In attendance:* From Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses:* From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch. From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch. From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Jean Chartier, Vice-President, Public and Regulatory Affairs. From the Canadian Grain Commission: Dennis Kennedy, Chief Operating Officer.

Pursuant to a motion agreed to by the Committee on Tuesday, March 16, 2000, which reads:

-- That , Whereas, this Committee passed the following Motion on December 15, 1999:

--That, this Committee study and report to the House about a clear and mandatory labeling mechanism for genetically modified organisms.

Whereas, such a study would also be of interest to the Standing Committee on Health.

The Chair of this Committee undertake immediate discussions with the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health with a view towards establishing an appropriate Sub-Committee on both Committees and that he report to this Committee no later than two weeks from today.

The Chair reported that an agreement could not be reached with the Standing Committee on Health to jointly study the labelling of Genetically Modified Organisms. Therefore, the Committee will be undertaking the study as originally agreed to, on December 15, 1999 (See Minutes No. 17).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine the Auditor General's Report of September 1999, - Chapter 11 - Agriculture Portfolio on User Charges.

L. Denis Desautels, Andrew Graham, Jean Chartier and Dennis Kennedy made opening statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke  
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Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 24**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities.

**APPEARING:**

Honourable Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State (Rural Development) (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario)

Honourable Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

André Gravel, Vice-President, Programs.

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister.







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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:32 p.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Members present:* Rick Casson for Howard Hilstrom, Roy Bailey for Gerry Ritz.

*Other Member present:* Jake Hoeppner.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Appearing: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* The Hon. Lyle Vancief, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; The Hon. Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State, (Rural Development) (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario).

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. André Gravel, Vice-President, Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2) and 81(5) and (6), and its Order of Reference of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, from the House, consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities.

Hon. Lyle Vancief and Hon. Andy Mitchell made each an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 25**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry

**APPEARING:**

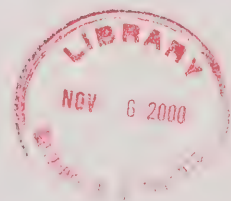
Honourable Lyle Vancief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:*

Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister;

Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch.





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Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:16 p.m., this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Mark Assad, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Appearing: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* The Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; The Hon. Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State, (Rural Development) (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario).

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Frank Claydon, Deputy Minister; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister; Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the effectiveness of long-term safety nets and other national initiatives to provide the stability and environment necessary for stable growth in the agricultural industry.

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, made an opening statement, and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 26**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities

**WITNESSES:**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch;

Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Bernie H. Sonntag, Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:14 a.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Members present:* Rick Casson; Jake Hoepfner.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Dr. Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Dr. Douglas D. Hedley, Senior Executive Director, Policy Branch; Dr. Bernie H. Sonntag, Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2) and 81(5) (6), and its Order of Reference of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, from the House, the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities.

Dr. Brian Morrissey made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 27**

**Thursday, April 13, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities

**WITNESSES:**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Gilles Lavoie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Suzanne Vinet, Acting Director General, International Trade Police Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

*National Farm Products Council:*

Cynthia Currie, Chair.





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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 13, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:07 a.m., this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Andrew Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Gilles Lavoie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Suzanne Vinet, Acting Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch; Cynthia Currie, Chairperson, National Farm Products Council.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2) and 81(5) (6), and its Order of Reference of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, from the House, the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities. **Business Lines:** Expanding Markets and Sound Department Management.

Andrew Graham and Gilles Lavoie made opening statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 1:12 p.m., the sitting resumed and the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* to consider its future business.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 28**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the role and responsibilities of the Minister for the emergency preparedness and the federal policy guidelines under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements

**APPEARING:**

Honourable Arthur C. Eggleton, Minister of National Defence and Minister Responsible for  
Emergency Preparedness Canada

**WITNESS:**

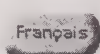
*Department of National Defence:*

Ann Marie Sahagian, Executive Director, Emergency Preparedness Canada.









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Members present:* Inky Mark, Roy Bailey.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Appearing: From the Department of National Defence:* The Hon. Arthur Eggleton, Minister of National Defence, Minister responsible for Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC).

*Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence:* Ann Marie Sahagian, Executive Director, Emergency Preparedness Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2) and 106(3), the Committee held a meeting on a Study of the Role and responsibilities of the Minister for the Emergency Preparedness and the Federal Policy guidelines under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA).

It was agreed, on motion of Larry McCormick, -- That the Budget relating to the Committee's study and report to the House of a clear and mandatory labelling mechanism for genetically modified organisms, totaling \$62, 400.00 be agreed to, and

-- That, the Chair be authorized to submit it to the Liaison Committee.

Hon. Arthur Eggleton made an opening statement and, with Ann Marie Sahagian, answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 29**

**Thursday, May 4, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Auditor General's Report (September 1999) — Chapter 12 on A New Crop Intellectual Property in Research and Chapter 24 on the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund: An Example of Involving Others in Governing

**WITNESSES:**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:*

Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch;

Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Directorate.

*Office of the Auditor General of Canada:*

Sheila Fraser, Deputy Auditor General, Audit Operations.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 4, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Member present:* Rick Casson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Sheila Fraser, Deputy Auditor General, Audit Operations; Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Dr. Brian Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine the Auditor General's Report (September 1999) - Chapter 12 on A New Crop Intellectual Property in Research and Chapter 24 on the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund: An Example of Involving Others in Governing.

Sheila Fraser, Brian Morrissey and Howard Migie made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 30**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2000**

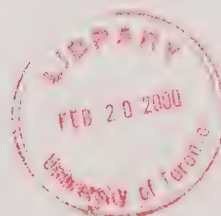
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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of the Main Estimates, Votes (Agriculture and Agri-Food – 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III – Report on Plans and Priorities

**APPEARING:**

Honourable Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State (Rural Development ) (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario)







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Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:10 p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Member present:* Jake Hoeppner.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Appearing:* The Hon. Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State (Rural Development) (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario).

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2) and 81(5) (6), and its Order of Reference of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, from the House, consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities.

The Secretary of State made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 31**

**Thursday, May 11, 2000**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Briefing session on the report: Family Farm in Question: Compare the Share Revisited

Briefing session on the development of a long term canadian agricultural policy

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Robert Friesen, President.

*Centre for Rural Studies and Enrichment, St. Peter's College (Saskatchewan):*

Diane Martz, Spokesperson.





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Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 11, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Murray Calder, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Roy Bailey for Garry Breitreuz.

*Other Member present:* Jake Hoeppner.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses:* From the Centre for Rural Studies and Enrichment, St. Peter's College, Saskatchewan: Diane Martz. From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Robert Friesen, President; Benoît Basillais, Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held Briefing Sessions: **A)** on the Report: Family Farm in Question: Compare the Share Revisited; **B)** on the Development of a Long Term Canadian Agricultural Policy.

Diane Martz made a statement and answered questions.

Robert Friesen made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin

Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 32**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2000**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Study of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 25, 30), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Peter Brackenridge, Acting Vice-President, Programs;

Brian Evans, Executive Director, Animal Products Directorate;

Larry Hillier, Vice-President, Operations;

Margaret Kenny, Director, Office of Biotechnology.







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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Joe McGuire, Ian Murray, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Roy Bailey for Gerry Ritz.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Larry Hillier, Vice-President, Operations; Peter Brackenridge, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Dr. Brian Evans, Executive Director, Animal Products Directorate; Margaret Kenny, Director, Office of Biotechnology.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(2) and 81(5) (6), and its Order of Reference of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, from the House, consideration of the Main Estimates, VOTES (Agriculture and Agri-Food - 25, 30), and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities.

Larry Hillier made an opening statement and with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:49 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 33**

**Thursday, May 18, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of mandatory labelling of genetically modified organisms

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian General Standards Board:*

Bill Cunningham, Director;

Patricia Dolhan, Acting Secretary, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Food Obtained or Not Obtained Through Genetic Modification;

Lee Anne Murphy, Chair, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Food Obtained or Not Obtained Through Genetic Modification.

*Department of Health Canada:*

Marc Le Maguer, Director General, Food Directorate;

Karen McIntyre, Acting Associate Director, Bureau of Food Policy and Integration;

William Yan, Acting Head, Office of Food Biotechnology.





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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 18, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle.

*Other Members present:* Rick Casson, Carolyn Bennett.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods:* Dr. Lee Anne Murphy, Chair; Bill Cunningham, Director, Canadian General Standards Board; Patricia Dolhan, Team Leader, Standards, Canadian General Standards Board. *From the Department of Health:* Dr. Marc Le Maguer, Director General, Food Directorate; Karen McIntyre, Acting Associate Director, Bureau of Food Policy and Integration; Dr. William Yan, Acting Head, Office of Food Biotechnology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated December 15, 1999, (See Minutes of proceedings No. 17 ) the Committee commenced its study of mandatory labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMO).

Dr. Lee Anne Murphy and Dr. Marc Le Maguer made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 34**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of mandatory labelling of genetically modified organisms

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee:*

Norma Burlington, Director, Advisory Committee Secretariat;

Suzanne Hendricks, Member.

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency:*

Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology;

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.







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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Joe McGuire, Dick Proctor, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Member present:* Rick Casson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee:* Susanne Hendricks, Member; Norma Burlington, Director, Advisory Committee Secretariat. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated December 15, 1999, the Committee resumed its study of mandatory labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMO).

Suzanne Hendricks and Dr. André Gravel made opening statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chair: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 35**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of mandatory labelling of genetically modified organisms (GMO)

**WITNESSES:**

*«Action réseau consommateur»:*

Nathalie St-Pierre, Executive Director.

*Consumers' Association of Canada:*

Jennifer Hillard, Vice-President, Issues and Policy;

Gail Lacombe, President and CEO.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Harvard, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie. John Harvard, Gar Knutson. Joe McGuire, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Rick Casson for Howard Hilstrom.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

*Witnesses: From the Consumers' Association of Canada:* Gail Lacombe, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jennifer Hillard, Vice-President, Issues and Policy. *From the "Action réseau consommateur":* Nathalie St-Pierre, Director general.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference dated December 15, 1999, the Committee resumed the study of mandatory labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMO).

Gail Lacombe, Jennifer Hillard and Nathalie St-Pierre made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke

Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

**Meeting No. 36**

**Thursday, October 5, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, October 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:02 a.m., this day, in Room 306, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Hélène Alarie, Robert Bertrand, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Acting Member present:* Claude Drouin for Joe McGuire.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2), election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

Murray Calder moved, -- That, John Harvard do take the Chair of this Committee as Chairman.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, John Harvard was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and invited to take the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to elect the Vice-Chairs.

Rose-Marie Ur moved, -- That, Murray Calder be elected Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Murray Calder was declared elected Vice-Chair, Government side.

Rick Casson moved, -- That, Howard Hilstrom be elected *in absentia* Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Howard Hilstrom was declared elected *in absentia* Vice-Chair, Opposition side.

At 11:08 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee  
on

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD**

Chairman: John Harvard, Lib.

and the  
Standing Committee  
on

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Chairman: Bill Graham, Lib

**Meeting No. 37**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Briefing session on World Food Day

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Council for International Cooperation:*

Esperanza Moreno, Acting President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Canadian Federation of Agriculture:*

Jack Wilkinson, Policy Manager.

*Canadian Foodgrains Bank:*

Stuart Clark, Policy Manager.

*Oxfam Canada:*

Rieky Stuart, Executive Director.

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met in a televised session jointly at 9:05 a.m., this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chairs, John Harvard and Bill Graham, presiding.

*Members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food present:* Hélène Alarie, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Casson, Odina Desrochers, John Harvard, Howard Hilstrom, Gar Knutson, Larry McCormick, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

*Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present:* Jean Augustine, Bill Graham, Diane Marleau, Pat O'Brien and Bernard Patry.

*Other Member present:* Dennis Gruending.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch -- Library of Parliament:* Frédéric Forge, Researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Economist; James Lee and John Wright, Researchers.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Council for International Cooperation:* Esperanza Moreno, Acting President and Chief Executive Officer. *From the Canadian Foodgrains Bank:* Stuart Clark, Policy Manager. *From Oxfam Canada:* Rieky Stuart, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Jack Wilkinson, Past President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committees convened a briefing session on World Food Day.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committees adjourned to the call of the Chairs.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food













